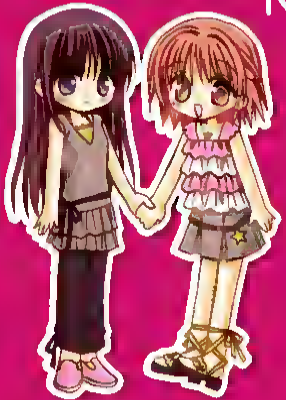

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大好評発売中!!

この世には、♀おんなのこと♂おとこのこがいるんだよ。

やぶうち優が贈る、誰にも云えない心と体のひみつ…？

この本をよめば、きっと今まで不思議だと思ったことがスッキリ解決するはず!!♀♂？ やぶうちニュー!ワールド

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初潮　むだ毛　妊娠　ブラジャー
おりもの　そして恋するということ
悩みはつきない立花つぼみ11歳!!!
優良図書!!! 性教育!!!
性に関する疑問にこの本がお答えします!!

体の変化
おりもの
はじめてのブラジャー
セクハラ発言
射精!!!?
ヒトを好きになる気持ち
赤ちゃんはどこからくるの?
毛のことひと夏の冒険
おとなになるって?
男の子の体
初潮がきた!
お母さんの妊娠

ぜーんぶ気になる、ないしょのお話だよ。

小学五年生 毎月二日ごろ発売!!

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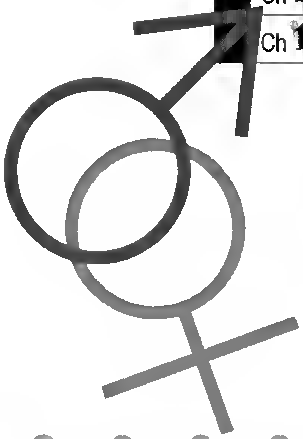

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The baby is a secret

—EH?
A BABY...?
Surprised...
EH...
EH...
Sym
YEP. I WENT TO THE GYNECOLOGY DEPARTMENT YESTERDAY
AND THEY TOLD ME THAT IT'S IN ITS SECOND MONTH NOW
I told your father last night
UNBELIEVABLE
Quiver Quiver
U
NOW YOU'LL BE A BIG SISTER SOON!
YOU ALWAYS SAID YOU WANTED A LITTLE BROTHER OR SISTER RIGHT TSUBOMI?

I'M GOING TO HAVE A LITTLE BROTHER OR SISTER...!!
Ayaka-chan!
Uhuhu
And then, and then!
Dono-chan!
WHOOSH!
THERE!
kyaki kyaki
The new semester.
Ding Dong
Ding Dong
KYAAH! TSUBOMI!!! ~♪
WE'RE IN THE SAME CLASS AGAIN!
REA-PI*! YAE-CHIN*!
*translator note: "-pi" and "-chin" are affectionate nickname-like forms of address amongst close young female friends.
Chatter
Chatter
THUMP...

Uwah...
She's pretty...
THUMP
THUMP
SPACE OUT
TSUBOMI?
THAT GIRL...
EH?
SENSEI WE'RE ONE SEAT SHORT
HUH...?
HOW ODD I'M SURE I PREPARED ONE IN ADVANCE...
jmlc
THUMP
WAS SHE HERE BEFORE...?
Is she a transfer student?
OKAAAY!
TAKE YOUR SEATS!

YOUR MOTHER IS... PREGNANT?!
Our eyes met
EH?!
?
WHAT'S WRONG REA-P!?
.....
THAT'S RIGHT!
IF THINGS GO WELL IT'LL BE BORN IN DECEMBER!
WHY NOT?
WHY SHOULDN'T I TELL ANYONE?
UM...
...TSUBOMI-CHAN! YOU SHOULDN'T GO AROUND TELLING PEOPLE THINGS LIKE THAT!
Coming to think of it, Mom also
IT'S STILL A SECRET FROM EVERYONE ELSE.
EH?!
BECAUSE~
TO HAVE A BABY.
said that I wonder why?

MEANS THAT YOUR MOM AND DAD MUST HAVE...
DONE INDECENT THINGS, RIGHT?
H-HEY, REA-PI! YOU SHOULDN'T PUT IT LIKE THAT...
Shocked
I INDECENT THINGS YOU MEAN...
O-OF COURSE! IT HAS TO BE THAT KIND OF THING!
T... THAT KIND OF THING?
THUMP THUMP
AW, COME ON, TSUBOMI! DON'T TELL ME THAT YOU DON'T KNOW!
OH, STOP IT, REA-PI!
Hmm hmm
ANYHOW!
THIS WILL BE A SECRET BETWEEN JUST THE THREE OF US, OKAY?!
WHAT'S THE BIG SECRET...?

YOU GUYS HAVE BEEN MUTTERING ABOUT INDECENT STUFF AND 'PREGNANCY' OVER THERE FOR SOME TIME NOW! JUST WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
How suspicious!
FUTOSHI!
Wah, our eyes met
Hehe~
It's none of your business!
What's your problem?
...Those things Rea-pi just said
thump
"To have a baby"
My mom and dad...
thump
They did indecent things
thump
indecent things—
thump

WHAT'S WRONG?
But 'indecent things' just what does that mean?
I don't get it.
troubled
AH...?!
U-UM
ENDOU SAYA
YOU CAN CALL ME SAYA
YOUR BAG... HAVEN'T YOU GONE HOME FROM SCHOOL YET?
AH...
F-F-FOR SOME REASON IT'S A LITTLE HARD TO LOOK MOM IN THE FACE TODAY
DID... SOMETHING HAPPEN?

I SEE...
creak
I MEAN... THE REASON MOM SAID IT WAS A SECRET...
creak
...IT'S BECAUSE SHE'S EMBARRASSED AFTER ALL... ISN'T IT?
I DON'T THINK SO
EH?
WHAT DO YOU THINK, TSUBOMI-CHAN?
EH?
IN THE EARLY STAGES OF PREGNANCY BOTH THE MOTHER'S BODY AND THE BABY ARE UNSTABLE
SOMETIMES IT DOESN'T GO WELL
THAT'S WHY WHEN YOUR MOTHER TOLD YOU IT WAS A SECRET...
...IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN THAT SHE WANTED TO KEEP IT A SECRET UNTIL THINGS STABILIZE AND IT BECOMES CERTAIN
PWEH~
YOU SURE KNOW A LOT SAYA
ABOUT THE FACT THAT YOUR MOTHER IS PREGNANT
...ABOUT THE FACT THAT YOUR LITTLE BROTHER OR SISTER WILL BE BORN

I'M GLAD!
OF COURSE I'M GLAD!
BECAUSE I'M AN ONLY CHILD...
AND I'VE ALWAYS WANTED A SIBLING!
FOR YOU TO THINK LIKE THAT...
I'M SURE YOUR MOTHER AND THE BABY IN HER BELLY MUST BE HAPPY...
THAT'S WHY I CAN'T HELP BUT LOOK FORWARD TO THE BABY BEING BORN!
AH~~ WILL IT BE A LITTLE BROTHER? OR A LITTLE SISTER?
UU~! I WANT TO HURRY UP AND MEET THEM!

Smile
UN...!
And so..
Saya and I became friends.
creak
END OF CHAPTER 1

SAAAA
Wakaba Kusa Obstetrics and Gynecological Hospital
IMMINENT... IT MEANS THAT EVEN NOW, SHE COULD HAVE ONE ANY MINUTE
NO NO
YOU MEAN MOM HAD A MISCARRIAGE?!
THEY SAY IT'S AN 'IMMINENT MISCARRIAGE
EH...?!
Come to think of it, Gaya once said that in the early stages of pregnancy, both the mother's body and the baby are unstable...
WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU TO TAKE CARE OF THE HOUSE TSUBOMI
SUPPORT YOUR MOTHER OKAY?
RIGHT NOW YOUR MOTHER IS EMOTIONALLY UNSTABLE TOO. SHE NEEDS ABSOLUTE PEACE AND QUIET.
OKAY...

4 S.O.S.

silence...
I'M HOME
Rustle Rustle
LET'S MAKE SOME STEW TODAY!
I'M A 5TH YEAR ONEE-CHAN YOU KNOW!
I CAN COOK AND CLEAN ALL BY MYSELF!
Sorry to make you worry about all of this, Tsubomi
It's okay! I'll be fine by myself!
I'VE GOT TO WORK HARD
I'VE GOT TO WORK HARD!
I'VE GOT TO WORK HARD
SAA...

ZAAA...
MOM...
DRRR...
Ah!
HELLO?
Zaaaa...
?
The sound of rain?
HELLO?!
girl
...lp...
EH ?!
...mi...
Help me... Tsubomi...
!
SAYA?!

Thud
Thud
Thud
Thud
Thump
SAYA?!
ZAAAA
ZAAAA
clack
clack
Be... lp...
BUUUUUU
clack
THE SOUND OF THE RAILWAY CROSSING!
HELLO?!
WHAT'S WRONG, SAYA?!
WHERE ARE YOU NOW?!
clack
clack
clack
clack
clack
EH?!
Zaaaa
THAT'S THE SOUND!
SAYA!
PRETTY

SAYA!
SAYA! GRAB AHOLD OF THIS!
TSUBOMI...!
SAYA!
SPLASH!
Grip
KYAAH...!
TSUBOMI...!
SAYA—!
SAYA!
TSUBOMI...!
SAYA!

cough
cough
pant
pant
SAYA!
SAYA! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
SPLASH!
NN...
TSUBOMI
SAYA!
SAYA...!
SAYAAA--!
.....
TSUBOMI...
THANK... YOU...

...EH?
WAS IT
THUMP
THUMP
A DREAM?
It felt so real
Ah!
ZAAAAA
THUMP
THUMP
The weight of Saya's hand when I was pulling her...
THUMP
The feeling of the water in the river
THUMP
NO!
SOMEHOW, IT FEELS DIFFERENT FROM THE WAY IT USUALLY DOES...!
AH! IT'S HAPPENING AGAIN...
drip
...?!
EH...
TOILET

MOM!
MOM!
MOM!
splash
splash
splash
splash
splash
splash
FamilyMart
PRETTY GIRL
This is...!!
H...HEY, TACHIBANA...?!
NEMOTO-KUN...!
WHAT'S WRONG? WHY ARE YOU RUNNING IN THE RAIN LIKE THAT...?
.....

I'm happy that he's worried about me, but...
YOU LOOK PALE DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
What should I do_?
I JUST CAN'T TELL HIM_!
fidget
fidget
.....
!
NN.
Ssh
UM_
H_ HMM_
IT'S PRETTY WELL MADE ISN'T IT?
VERY REALISTIC
I wonder what kind of bird it is?
EH?! WHAT IS IT?!
IT'S NOT AS IF I WANT IT.
IT'S A FREE PRIZE I GOT WITH MY TEA
Not true
W-WHAT?
IT'S YOURS

I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED... BUT...
CHEER UP...
OKAY?
THANKS NEMOTO-KUN!
...YES...

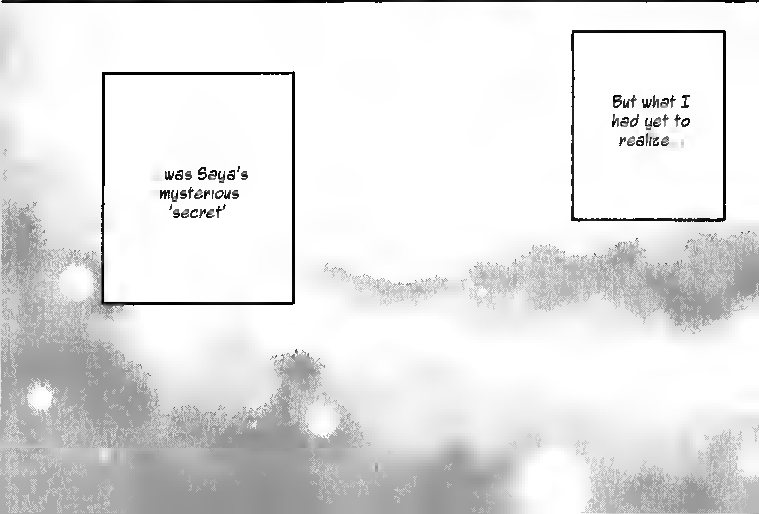
...MOM
LISTEN
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE AT THIS HOUR?
TSUBOMI...
Wakuwaku Sasaki Kuroiwa
'IT' HAPPENED...?
...EH?
EH... THEN IT WASN'T A DISEASE AFTER ALL!
oh!
THEY RE SIGNS THAT YOUR PERIOD WILL COME SOON
THEY RE CALLED DISCHARGES'
HAVE YOU HAD STICKY THINGS CLINGING TO YOUR PANTIES?
YELLOWISH DIRTY LOOKING THINGS?
AH...!
YES!
...CONGRATULATIONS
I'M A LITTLE SURPRISED SINCE IT HAPPENED EARLIER THAN I THOUGHT
BUT NOW YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO HAVE A BABY TOO
.....
I'I KNEW ABOUT FIRST MENSTRUATION BUT I HAD NO IDEA ABOUT DISCHARGES
DID YOU THINK YOU WERE SICK TSUBOMI?
"DISCHARGES"?
SO YOU'VE BEEN WORRIED ABOUT DISCHARGES LATELY?

MOM
YOU'VE BEEN WORRIED ABOUT THIS FOR A WHILE NOW, HAVEN'T YOU TSUBOMI?
ALL BY YOURSELF
PRETTY
I'M SORRY TSUBOMI WITH THE CONDITION I'M IN
I'M ALWAYS CAUSING YOU TO WORRY
BUT DON'T HOLD BACK
YOU CAN TALK TO ME ABOUT ANYTHING
OKAY?
IT'S ALL RIGHT TO RELY ON ME MORE
spill
Buzzz!

AH!
GOOD MORNING NEMOTO-KUN
THANK YOU FOR THIS FRIDAY.
I've attached it to my bag!
Y... YEAH
EH?
Re-ri-a
THUMP
Doooon!
How sus-picious!
WHAT?! WHAT?! GETTING ALONG ALL OF THE SUDDEN WITH NEMOTO-KUN, ARE WE?!
SAYA...
AH!
Secret Buds
IT WAS NOTHING REALLY !
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?! SOMETHING HAPPENED, DIDN'T IT?!
It seems like it's fine now.
The baby in her belly managed to hold on somehow, too.
And so, two days later
Mom left the hospital.

A DREAM WHERE YOU HELPED ME...
I WAS SUFFERING DURING THE TIME I WAS AWAY FROM SCHOOL...
...THAT WAS WHEN I HAD THE DREAM SO
THAT'S GREAT! I WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU!
YES.
HAVE YOU RECOVERED ENOUGH TO COME TO SCHOOL?
...UM... LISTEN...
?
EH?
ABOUT THREE DAYS AGO YOU APPEARED IN MY DREAMS
...IT FEELS LIKE...
THE TSUBOMI FROM MY DREAM SAVED ME
M...ME TOO...!
I HAD A DREAM ABOUT YOU TOO, SAYA!

That was when I felt it...
Some kind of mysterious 'bond' between Saya and me
It was just a dream!
OH, COME ON! I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING!
YES, I'M SURE THAT'S HOW IT IS.
MAYBE OUR HEARTS ARE CONNECTED OR SOMETHING!
she
THANK YOU TSUBOMI...


was Saya's mysterious 'secret'
But what I had yet to realise...

7 The Secret Summer Holiday

Today is the day that summer vacation begins!
DON'T FORGET, TSUBOMI!
EH?
What is it? Can't I...
Mom thinks I'm still just a kid. She says it's too early for me to go to Shibuya...
BUT I'M A 5TH YEAR ALREADY,
AND I WANT THAT LIMITED EDITION MERCHANDISE...
SHIBUYA*, THIS SUNDAY!
WE'RE GOING TOGETHER TO MEZZO FORTE TO BUY THE LIMITED EDITION MERCHANDISE, RIGHT?
...H...!
...I've been keeping the fact that I'm going to Shibuya a secret from Mom
Actually...

*1/1 note. Trendy shopping district in Tokyo frequented by young schoolgirls. Unofficially, it's also a spot for guys to pick up girls.

ENDOU-SAN IS SO PRETTY AND MATURE-LOOKING
WE MIGHT EVEN HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SEE HER GET SCOUTED BY SOME AGENCY!
.....
Y...
YEAH
BUT SHE SAID SHE HAD SOME-THING TO DO THAT DAY
OH REALLY?
what a shame.
OH TSUBOMI DID YOU INVITE ENDOU-SAN?
EH?!
Thump
clatter
THUMP
The truth is that I didn't invite Saya
I lied.
CHEER UP
Thump
Thump
OK?
Thump
IT'S YOURS
I'M HOME

Even though...

I like her...

Even though I really want to talk with her like we had up until now

Even though we may not see each other for a month

I ended up not saying a word to Saya

Even though we're the closest in school

Ever since the school camp

my heart beats faster whenever I look at Saya...

"HEY! DON'T YOU THINK NEMOTO'S BEING A BIT TOO NICE TO ENDOU SAN TODAY?"

"WHAT ABOUT ENDOU-SAN? DO YOU THINK THERE ARE ANY BOYS SHE LIKES?"

Sunday

TURN

Thump

Thump

Thump

I'M OFF...!

OH YOU'RE SURE DRESSED FANCY TODAY WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

RUNNING

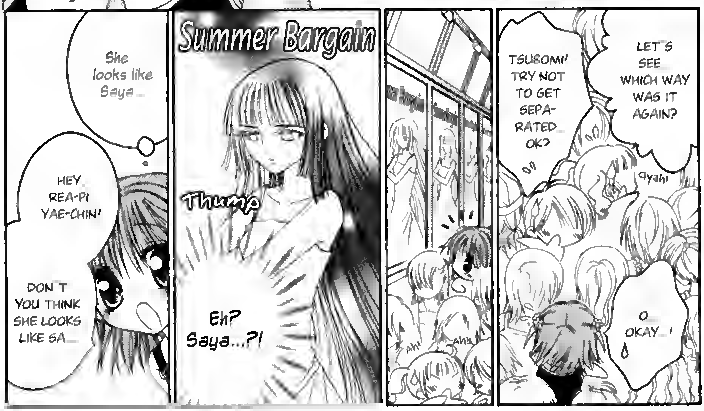
REA-PI'S HOUSE

Thump

Thump

Thump

I lied... again.
Uwah...! The people! There are so many OP them!


She looks like Saya...
HEY, REA-PI YAE-CHIN!
DON'T YOU THINK SHE LOOKS LIKE SA...
Summer Bargain
Thump
Eh? Saya...?!
TSUROMI! TRY NOT TO GET SEPA-RATED, OK?
LET'S SEE WHICH WAY WAS IT AGAIN?
Gyah!
O-OKAY...!

No way! I've lost them!
W-w-what should I do ?!
Which way did they go ?!
SPIN
SPIN
STEP
STEP
IT WAS THIS WAY... WASN'T IT?
UU... LOOKS LIKE IT WASN'T THIS WAY AFTER ALL.
OH NO... WHICH WAY WAS IT?!
WHERE ARE THEY ?!
Only Rea-pi knows where the store is...
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
I don't know which way the station is anymore...
Or even which way I came from...!
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
Chatter
Chatter
alone
What should I do...?
UU...
WHAT'S WRONG?

Ah a kind looking Onii-san
He looks a little like Nemoto-kun kind of
Smile
AH!
What am I doing thinking of Nemoto-kun at a time like this?!
Blush
Secret
ALL BY YOURSELF?
AH... NO!
I UH GOT SEPARATED FROM MY FRIENDS
I KNOW WHERE IT IS. SHALL I TAKE YOU THERE?
WHERE WERE THEY GOING?
UM... A SHOP CALLED MEZZO FORTE...
DO YOU KNOW WHERE THE SHOP IS?
chuckle
NO...
EH...?!
but...
IT JUST SO HAPPENS THAT I WAS GOING THAT WAY, TOO
COME ON, THERE'S NO NEED TO BE SHY.
Smile
UM ALL RIGHT PLEASE SHOW ME THE WAY
Meanwhile, Rei-pi and Yae-chin were...
KYAAH! TSUBOMI'S NOT HERE!
NO WAY! DID WE GET SEPARATED?!
Thump
He...
...might be a nice guy after all...

HEY, WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
TSUBOMI
TSUBOMI-CHAN, HUH? THAT'S A CUTE NAME
HEY, TSUBOMI-CHAN, DO YOU HAVE A BOY-FRIEND?
EH? N_ NO I DON'T
ARE THERE ANY BOYS YOU LIKE, THEN?
Pa!
THUMP
N_ NO!
I SEE. THEN_.
Eh_?!
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF ME?
EH_
YOU KNOW, I'M ACTUALLY QUITE WEALTHY
YOU'RE A CUTE ONE, TSUBOMI-CHAN, SO I'LL BUY YOU ANYTHING YOU WANT
WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE?
What is he talking about _?

It's kind of scary...
But he looks like a nice person...
But
U...um... is
IS THIS THE RIGHT WAY...?!
AH!
AHHH...
?!
there's ice cream there, t...
YOU KNOW, MY HOUSE IS PRETTY CLOSE
ISN'T IT HOT TODAY? WHY DON'T WE GO TAKE A REST?
COME ON, TSUBOMI-CHAN?
THERE'S NO NEED TO HOLD BACK COME THIS WAY
HELP...!
HELP...
HELP...!!
GRIP
tremble tremble
Pricckle

Grab
SAYA!

W-WHAT IS IT?
ARE YOU TSUBOMI-CHAN'S FRIEND?
Squeeze
Dwwww
WHAT? WHAT? I'M NOT DOING ANYTHING!
YOU'RE PUTTING THAT BEAUTIFUL FACE OF YOURS TO WASTE WITH THAT SCARY ACT...
SQUEEZE
!!
WHAT THE HELL IS WRONG WITH YOU DAMN BRATS
COMING TO SHIBUYA AND WANDERING AROUND WITH ME ALL CASUALLY LIKE THAT...
KEH!
PFT!
YOU'RE JUST ASKING FOR IT!
yuiver
yuiver
yuiver

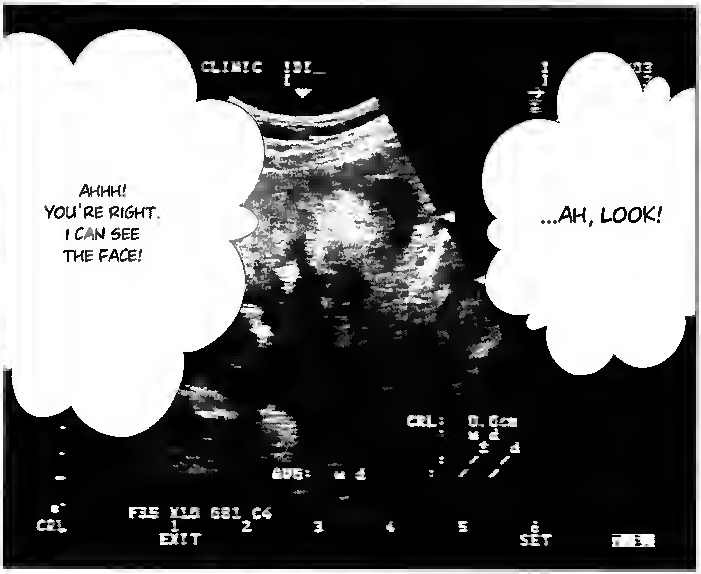
uu...
uuu
.....
uu
quiver
quiver
quiver
quiver
bend
COLLAPSE
Rustle...
.....
grab

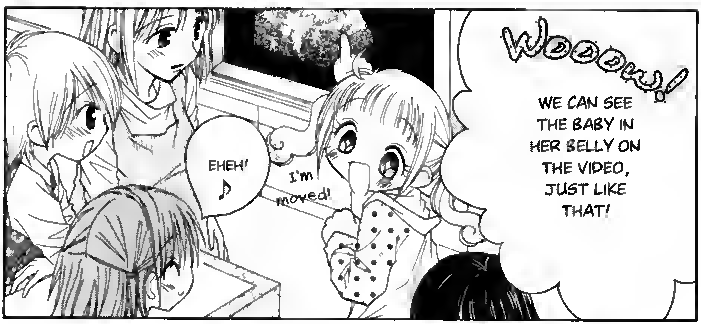
FWEEEH!
I WAS SO SCARED~!
Pat
Pat
The way Saya acted then...
It was almost as if she were my older sister
TSUBOMI
YOU SHOULDN'T FOLLOW STRANGERS, EVEN IF THEY LOOK LIKE NICE PEOPLE

HAVE YOU BEEN AVOIDING ME LATELY?
THUMP
I'M GLAD...
EH?
I WAS ABLE TO SEE YOU TODAY TOO, TSUBOMI
EH?
T-THAT'S...
YEAH
I'M GLAD YOU CAME, SAYA
THANK YOU...
ABOUT NEMOTO-KUN...
HE WAS JUST WORRIED ABOUT ME BECAUSE I WAS AWAY FROM SCHOOL BEFORE
EH?
W-WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
OOOOH!
It feels like Saya has seen through everything!
I THINK HE'D SUIT YOU TSUBOMI
WHAT ABOUT YOU, SAYA?!
IS THERE ANYONE YOU LIKE?
H-HOLD ON, WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!
THAT'S ALL IT WAS
WHA...?!
YES...
EH?!
Thump

RIGHT NOW THE PERSON I LIKE THE MOST IS
NWAAAH! I WANNA KNOW! TELL ME!
EHHHHH?! W-WHO IS IT_?!
IT'S A SECRET
D-DON'T TELL ME IT'S NEMOTO-KUN_?!
NN_
TSUBOMI ☆
I'm just playing with you
EH_?!
AHHH! THERE SHE IS! TSUBOMI!!
And so, that was one day of my summer vacation
It was a little scary,
but I'm glad I can speak on good terms with Saya again
SALE
Huh? Tsubomi?!
What is it_?!
Tsubomi-san? You're here too?
What happened?
H E E E E H ?!

9 Boys♂ Girls♀


AHHH! YOU'RE RIGHT. I CAN SEE THE FACE!
...AH, LOOK!
CLINIC
EXIT
SET


EHEH! ♪
I'm moved!
WOOOW!
WE CAN SEE THE BABY IN HER BELLY ON THE VIDEO, JUST LIKE THAT!

IF IT WAS A BOY THEY SAY THAT YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO SEE THE PENIS HERE
!!
CAN YOU YET TELL IF IT'S A BOY OR A GIRL?
YES WE THINK IT'S PROBABLY A GIRL
EH?! HOW CAN YOU TELL?!
Hoeeee
IF WE COULD SEE THE PENIS WE COULD BE SURE IT'S A BOY
BUT SOMETIMES IT JUST DOESN'T SHOW UP
he says he can't say for sure just yet
THE DOCTOR SAID IT ISN'T SHOWING UP FOR HER AT THE MOMENT SO SHE'S PROBABLY A GIRL
BEEEP
AH THE WATER'S BOILED
I'LL GO PUT THE TEA ON
there we go
SHE SAID "PENIS"!
KYAAH!
KYAAH!
She's at it again!!

I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A MORE COMPLICATED TEST
HEEEY!
it's surprisingly simple
I SEE...
SO THAT'S HOW THEY CAN TELL THE SEX OF THE BABY WHILE IT'S STILL IN THE MOTHER'S WOMB
is that all there is to it?
I guess so
THAT'S BECAUSE IT'S THE FIRST CLEAR DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MALE AND FEMALE BODIES
bodies
silence
Male and Female
Ding Dong
Ding Dong
W-WE'RE...
JUST A LITTLE MOVED BY THE MYSTERIES OF LIFE
EH? WHAT'S WRONG EVERYONE?
you're all quiet
N-NOTHING!
flail
flail

NEMOTO-KUN
THUMP
HYAAAH! FOR SOME REASON I FEEL REALLY CONSCIOUS ABOUT HIM TODAY~!
G-GOOD MORNING
YO
IT MUST BE BECAUSE OF WHAT SAYA SAID
I think Nemoto-kun and you would suit each other
POOF
Saya said...
That's because it's the difference between male and female bodies
thump
thump

WAH! WHERE THE HECK AM I LOOKING?!
Ding Dong
Ding Dong
?
FOR TODAY'S PE CLASS WE'LL BE WATCHING A VIDEO
AHHH! IS IT SOME KIND OF INDECENT VIDEO?
SMIRK
EH? WITH THE BOYS ?
How exciting!

Growing Hearts and Bodies Pa

From their time of birth, people are distinguished into male and female based on their reproductive organs.
And so as they grow to around your current age, through the hormones secreted by those reproductive organs,
The boys become more masculine, and the girls become more feminine.
This is the male reproductive organ
This is where the semen is made...

WAAAAAA
QUIET!
WOO!
THUMP
WOO!
THUMP
D! I! C! K!
D! I! C! K!
WOAH!
IT'S A DICK!
SQUEEZE
I had no idea!
I I had no idea
That a boy's penis wasn't just for going to the toilet...!
W-WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU, TSUBOMI?!
That's disgusting!
H-HANKY HANKY
FLAIL
FLAIL
HUH?
HEY, TSUBOMI!
WASN'T THAT THE MOST AMAZING VIDEO WE SAW IN PE TODAY?!
Pfft!

Hm
I'm worried looking for it all by myself!
I PROBABLY DROPPED IT AT SCHOOL!
WHAT SHOULD I DO? I REALLY LIKED THAT HANKY...
H-HUH? MY HANKY'S GONE!
EH? DID YOU DROP IT SOMEWHERE?
rummage
rummage
SORRY... I'VE GOT PIANO TODAY SO I CAN'T...
EH? YOU MEAN RIGHT NOW?
REA-PI! PLEASE!
COME LOOK FOR IT WITH ME!
AH!
THUMP
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
Nemoto-kun!
I CAN'T FIND IT AFTER ALL
clatter
clatter
IT'S NOT HERE
NNN
rummage
rummage

I'VE DROPPED MY HANKY SOMEWHERE...
I THINK IT WAS IN THE SCHOOL
WHAT ABOUT THE AV ROOM?
EH?
WE WATCHED A VIDEO IN THE AV ROOM TODAY, RIGHT?
AH!
LET'S GO CHECK IT OUT!
I'LL GO LOOK WITH YOU!
Eh?!
Nemoto-kun...
Tsuntsun
Tsuntsun
AV Room
AH!
HERE IT IS!
here you go
IS THIS IT?
AH!
YES, THAT'S IT!
THANKS...
Ah!

Silence
We're all by ourselves
Thump Thump Thump Thump
Come to think of it...
C COULD IT BE THE SECURITY GUARD?
AH...
AH! Rattle Rattle Clatter
step step
PING!
CLACK!
EH...
THEY CAN'T HEAR ANY SOUNDS IN HERE FROM THE OUTSIDE!
IT'S BECAUSE THIS IS THE AV ROOM!
Panic
EH- SECURITY GUARD-SAN! HE DIDN'T NOTICE US!
WHY NOT?!
U-UM! EXCUSE ME!
Bang
No way! We've been locked in from the outside?!

H..!
W-WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO..?
I GUESS THERE'S NO HELPING IT..
WE'LL HAVE TO GET OUT THROUGH THE WINDOW
It's only the ground floor after all
AH.
YOU!
YAE-CHIN TOO!
Eh
WHAM
THUMP
THUMP
Yae-chin and Sagisu--kun are going out together!
Uwaaah!
I knew it!
THUMP
THUMP

Silence
thump
thump
thump
thump
thump
thump
AW CRAP...
FIDGET FIDGET
even though it's only the ground floor
WAH IT'S PRETTY HIGH UP...
TAP
SLIDE
...I...
mumble
I THINK THEY'RE GONE NOW

?
WHAT'S WRONG?
HEY... D-DON'T YOU THINK IT'S KIND OF HIGH?
I'm a little scared!
EH... CAN'T GIRLS JUMP EVEN THIS KIND OF DISTANCE?
MAN I GUESS THERE'S NO OTHER WAY
OK, I'LL CATCH YOU!
THHH
EH?!
HEY
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
Hurry up and jump!
Fidget Fidget
Now I'm too embarrassed to jump!
H-HEY! JUMP WITH YOUR EYES OPEN!
WH-
Kyaaah!
creep
creep

Eh...?!
THUMP

.....
AH...
D-d d-d
Did I just ?!
.....
SEE YOU LATER!
PATTER
PATTER
AH
.....
thump
thump
thump
thump
...Nemoto-kun...
...is a boy...

Yabunchi Yuu Profile

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TACHIBANA TSUBOMI IS AN 11 YEARS OLD 5TH YEAR WHO IS A LITTLE ON THE SHY SIDE SOON AFTER BECOMING FRIENDS WITH SAYA AFTER DISCUSSING HER MOTHER'S PREGNANCY, TSUBOMI FACES HER FIRST PERIOD HER FRIEND YAE PURCHASES A BRA AND REA BEGINS TO GROW HAIR IN NEW PLACES. LITTLE BY LITTLE THEIR BODIES ARE MATURING. BOYS AND GIRLS HAVE PROBLEMS THEY CAN'T DISCUSS. JUST WHAT IS THE BODY OF AN ADULT LIKE? THIS WIDELY-ACCLAIMED SERIAL BUILDS HEART-POUNDING ROMANCES AND PAINFUL FRIENDSHIPS REVOLVING AROUND TSUBOMI'S CONCERNS ABOUT SEXUALITY

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2 I want to know

AH!
IT'S MOVING!
LOOK
YOU CAN SEE
ITS HEART
BEATING
HERE ARE
THE HANDS
AND THERE
ARE THE
FEET
WOW!
HMM...
ONLY 2CM
IT'S
A LITTLE
SLOW IN
DEVELOP-
ING
2CM?!
ONLY THIS
MUCH?!
IT MAY BE SMALL
BUT IT'S DEFINITELY
ALIVE!
Tachibana
Tsubomi,
5th year
This year
she'll finally
become the
'Onee-san'
she always
wanted
to be.

HEY, REA-PI
HM?
BUT
REA-PI SAID THAT TO HAVE A BABY MEANT 'MOM AND DAD DID INDECENT THINGS. EMBARRASSING THINGS
SO DON'T TELL ANYONE!
DING DONG
DING DONG
CHATTER
Infirmary
CHATTER
J... JUST WHAT ARE "INDECENT THINGS"?
THUMP THUMP
HAAH?!
YOU KNOW DON'T YOU REA-PI?
Y... YEAH! OF COURSE
THEN STOP ACTING LIKE A KNOW-IT-ALL AND TELL US!
IT'S NOT SUDDEN!
I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED!
?
Y... YOU DUMMY! WHY ARE YOU BRINGING THAT UP ALL OF A SUDDEN DURING OUR PHYSICALS?!

HUG EACH OTHER WHILE NAKED!
INDECENT THINGS
ARE WHEN A MAN AND A WOMAN
...ALL RIGHT I'LL TELL YOU...
LISTEN CAREFULLY
A MAN AND A WOMAN ?
GULP
ON A BED?!
ON A BED...
N... NAKED...!
KYAAH!
HOW INDECENT!
NAAAAH

EEEEH?!
...OH
IN THAT CASE
I'VE SEEN IT
BEFORE
PROBABLY
ANYWAY
WELL
MY PARENTS USUALLY
HUG AND KISS IN
FRONT ME ANYWAY
AND THEY'RE
FINE WITH IT
IT WASN'T
THAT MUCH OF
A SHOCK
A LITTLE ENVIOUS
THUMP THUMP
HMM
I TOOK
THE CAT WITH
ME AND WENT
TO THEIR
BEDROOM
OUR
CAT
WHICH
USUALLY
SLEEPS
WITH MY
PARENTS
CAME TO
MY DOOR IN
THE MIDDLE
OF THE NIGHT
MEWLING
FOR ME TO
LET IT IN
OKAY
YOU'RE UP NEXT
TACHIBANA-SAN
I WONDER
IF MY MOM
AND DAD...
...HUGGED EACH
OTHER WHILE
NAKED TOO
EHHE
32KG!
TSUBOMI!
TSUBOMI!
HOW MANY
KILOS WERE
YOU?
UWAH!
I CAN'T
IMAGINE
IT!
I GAINED
FIVE KILOS
FROM LAST
YEAR!
I'VE GROWN
MORE THAN
USUAL TOO!
THIS MUST BE
WHAT THEY CALL
MATURITY!
HOLD ON!
32.0
JUST 32KG
TACHIBANA-SAN

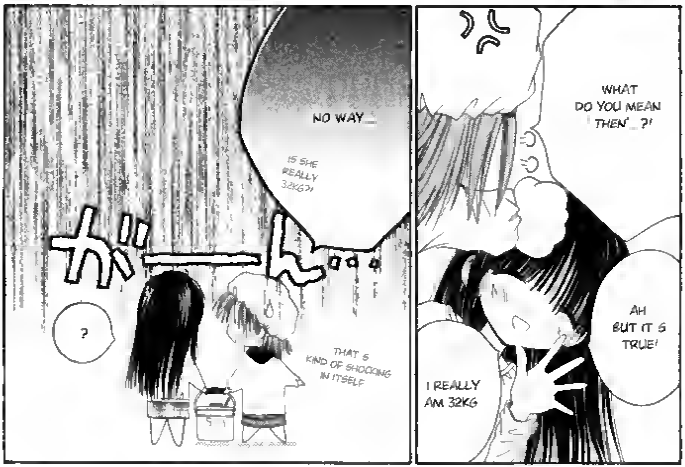
Height
Weight
LOOK! YOUR HEIGHT AND WEIGHT WERE IN THE SAME RATIO UP UNTIL LAST YEAR
BUT THIS YEAR YOU'RE GAINING WEIGHT FASTER!
THIS IS NO GOOD TSUBOMI!
AH! I KNEW IT!
EH?
Y... YOU'RE RIGHT...
UP UNTIL LAST YEAR IT WAS 6 CM HEIGHT TO 3 KG WEIGHT... BUT NOW IT'S 7 CM HEIGHT TO 5 KG WEIGHT...
HEY ISN'T THAT BAD?!
NO WAY...! AM I... GETTING FAT?!
AH! LOOK! ENDOU-SAN IS UP NEXT!
ガーン...

10%
THUMP THUMP
SAYA
Error
HEY!
DON'T YOU THINK ENDOU-SAN HAS THE NICEST FIGURE?!
I WONDER HOW MANY KILOS SHE IS?
ARA?
AN ERROR?
10
Error
BEEP!
BEEP!
ALL RIGHT
HOW STRANGE TRY IT AGAIN
WHAT HAPPENED? DID IT BREAK?
ARA?

EH? WHAT?! HOW MANY KILOS DID SHE SAY?!
LET'S SEE ENDOU-SAN KILOGRAMS...
ALL RIGHT
TRY GETTING ON THIS OLD ONE...
NOT MUCH WE CAN DO ABOUT THAT
IF YOU WANT TO KNOW THAT SADLY YOU OUGHT TO ASK HER YOURSELF LATER
BUT- I MEAN AREN'T YOU CURIOUS?
OH, WHO CARES REA-PI!
WORRYING ABOUT ANOTHER PERSON'S WEIGHT IS SUCH A NOSY THING TO DO!
AAAAH I DIDN'T HEAR!
BUT ENDOU-SAN IS KIND OF...
HARD TO APPROACH...
EH?!
HARD TO APPROACH...?

AH! THANKS!
ARE YOU ON LUNCH DUTY? THAT LOOKS HEAVY LET'S CARRY IT TOGETHER
DING DONG
SAYA ?
DING DONG
AH
SAYA IS...
HARD TO APPROACH
TO THINK THAT REA-PI FEELS THAT WAY...
THE SCALE BREAKING AND ALL.
IT MUST HAVE BEEN A HASSLE FOR YOU RIGHT?
B-BY THE WAY ABOUT THE PHYSICAL JUST NOW...!
EH?!
AH EH UH
WHAT IS IT?

THEN I'M 32KG TOO
EH?!
IN FACT SHE WANTS TO KNOW TOO
E_ HEH_ H HOW MANY KILOS WERE YOU?
DID THE OLD ONE WORK PROPERLY?
YES
ME?
I WAS 32KG _
HOW MUCH WERE YOU, TSUSOMI?


NO WAY_
IS SHE REALLY 32KG?!
THAT'S KIND OF SHOCKING IN ITSELF
?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN "THEN"_?!
AH BUT IT'S TRUE!
I REALLY AM 32KG

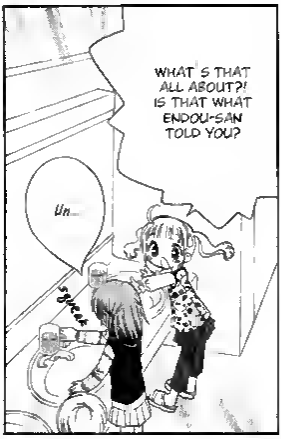
BUT
YOU'RE TALLER THAN ME...
TO HAVE THE SAME WEIGHT MEANS
YOUR HAIR MUST BE HEAVIER TOO RIGHT?
I MUST BE FAT AFTER ALL..?!
THAT'S NOT TRUE!
YOU'RE AVERAGE! AVERAGE!
BUT MY HEIGHT-WEIGHT RATIO INCREASED THIS YEAR...
THAT'S NORMAL
EH?!
IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE A GIRL.

FROM NOW ON, YOU'LL GRADUALLY GROW TO HAVE A FEMININE ADULT BODY
ADULT FEMININE
NOT AT ALL! DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT
THEN... THEN... I HAVEN'T BECOME FAT?
BUT IT'S ALSO TRUE THAT YOU SHOULDN'T EAT TOO MANY SWEETS
UUU
THUMP

HEY! CAN I COME TO YOUR HOUSE TO PLAY SOMETIME?
AH!
I FEEL SO RELIEVED AFTER TALKING WITH YOU, SAYA!
I'M SORRY, BUT THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE EITHER
I WONDER IF SHE HAS HER REASONS?
I'M SORRY, BUT THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE
...THEN WHAT ABOUT THE PHONE? GIVE ME YOUR PHONE NUMBER...
WHY NOT...?

EH...?!
SAYA ?
AH!
YOU'RE LATE TSUROMI!
I'M STARVED
EH? YOU WERE WITH ENDOU-SAN...?
THAT'S SO COOL
SINCE WHEN HAVE YOU TWO BEEN TALKING?
HEY HEY WHAT DID YOU TALK ABOUT?
SAYA ?

第3話 Saya's Circumstances



HEY, HEY TSUBOMI YAE-CHIN
HOW ABOUT WE FOLLOW ENDOU-SAN WHEN SHE GOES HOME?!
EH?!
Sparkle
Doooon
EHHH?!
W-WE CAN'T DO THAT...!
Um... Uh~...
YEAH REA-PI!
AFTER ALL, THERE MIGHT BE SOME REASON WHY ENDOU-SAN DOESN'T WANT US TO KNOW!
EXACTLY! AREN'T YOU CURIOUS ABOUT WHAT THAT REASON IS?!
FINE! IF YOU GUYS AREN'T GOING I'M GOING BY MYSELF!
She won't listen to you even when you try to stop her.
REA-PI!
Tap Tap
TSUBOMI?
I... I'M GOING TO THE TOILET AGAIN, OKAY?
EH?! AGAIN?
AH!
Pauuue

IT'S HAPPENING AGAIN...!
!!
YOU JUST WENT, DIDN'T YOU?
SHUFFLE
SHUFFLE
HAVE YOU DONE THE LAUNDRY YET?!
NO, NOT YET.
THEN, I'LL DO IT!
THANKS.
IT'S BEEN PRETTY BAD LATELY...
AH WELCOME HOME
WAH! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, MOM?
IS IT YOUR MORNING SICKNESS?
You should get some sleep!
I'M HOME!
WHAT SHOULD I DO...?!

LATELY, FROM TIME TO TIME, I'VE BEEN HAVING A SLOPPY, WET FEELING FROM MY PANTIES..
WHEN I TAKE A LOOK, THERE'S SOMETHING GLOPPY STUCK TO THEM... (WHEN IT DRIES, IT'S ALL CRISP AND CRUSTY)
Sniff...
WHAT A WEIRD SMELL
WHAT IS IT? IT'S NOT SOME KIND OF DISEASE, IS IT...?!
I'D JUST BE WORRYING MOM EVEN MORE IF I TOLD HER
...WHAT IS THIS?!
AH!
I KNOW! SAYA!
MAYBE I SHOULD GO AND ASK S. Y.
She knows all As of thatㅡ

I'M SURE SAYA WOULD KEEP IT A SECRET.
I LOST HER!
YESTERDAY, I FOLLOWED HER AFTER SCHOOL!
ENDOU-SAN!
HUH?
So she went through with it after all...
AND WHEN I DID...
I GOT CAUGHT AT A RAILWAY CROSSING.
AND AFTER THE TRAIN PASSED, I COULDN'T SEE HER ANYMORE...!
BUT SHE WAS HEADED IN THE DIRECTION OF YOUR HOUSE!
EH?
AH, COME TO THINK OF IT
THE PLACE I FIRST SPOKE TO HER WAS AT THE PARK NEAR MY HOUSE

MAYBE SHE LIVES CLOSER THAN I THOUGHT
..EH?
WHAT'S WRONG? YOU DON'T LOOK SO GOOD!
Are you all right?!
IT'S NOTHING...
I'm Okay!
EH...
SAYA?!
Eh? What is it?
I'M JUST A LITTLE ANEMIC...
...
SMILE
...WE'RE FRIENDS.

BUT...
EVEN IF I CAN'T PLAY AT HER HOUSE
EVEN IF I CAN'T PHONE HER
THE NEXT DAY SAYA STOPPED COMING TO SCHOOL.
SAYA AND I ARE FRIENDS!
Chatter
Chatter
I WONDER IF SHE WAS SICK AFTER ALL...

I, I'M GOING TO THE TOILET, OKAY?
AH..!
WAIT, TSUBOMI! ARE YOU GOING AGAIN?
LATELY, YOU'VE BEEN GOING DURING EVERY BREAK!
YOU WENT AT LEAST TWICE DURING LUNCH!
Hey!
TACHIBANA HAS DIARRHEA!
THUMP
EH?!
NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT!
PIIII!
EH?!
HAVING TO GO TO THE TOILET ALL THE TIME...
IT HAS TO BE DIARRHEA!
HEY, JUST A MINUTE HERE, YOU GUYS..!
THAT'S NOT TRUE~~~!
IT'S UNDENIABLE!
HEY, COME TO THINK OF IT, WASN'T TODAY'S LUNCH CURRY?
GEH! AND ISN'T TACHIBANA ON LUNCH DUTY THIS WEEK?!

UWEH! OUR CLASS ISN'T HAVING CURRY, IT'S TACHIBANA'S ■■■!
Watch out!
WOAH! THAT'S SICK!
You're not even really censoring it!
GYAHAHAHA!
OH, CUT IT OUT, YOU SICKOS!
STOP IT~! I'M SO EMBARRASSED~!
DON'T MIND THEM, TSUBOMI...

WHAT ARE YOU GUYS, MORONS?!
EH?!

NEMOTO-KUN...?!
QUIT YELLING ABOUT SUCH STUPID CRAP!
You guys are loud!
YEAH!
IF IT WAS DIARRHEA, YOU WOULDN'T EVEN BE ABLE TO HOLD IT UNTIL LUNCH TIME!
I'm talking from experience here!
W-THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN...!
...
YOU GUYS
ARE SO CHILDISH
kmph
Kaaa...

YOU'RE A SICKO TOO!
Yeah!
SCATTER
T... THANKS.
IT'S OKAY
HEY NO PROBLEM!
...
It only hurt because they were so near
Vvvvvvvvvv...
spaced out
Vvvvvvvvvv...
Prickle...

THE BOY YOU CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON TO WORK OUT A PROBLEM IN OUR CLASS...
NEMOTO-KUN
KUKI-KUN
HE'S GOOFY AND LOUD-MOUTHED, BUT HE'S KIND AT HEART...
SAEGUSA-KUN IS COOL AND SILENT, BUT WITH HIS IDOL-CLASS FACE
HE'S THE NO. 1 POPULAR BOY AMONG THE GIRLS
UUUUUUU
THUMP!
PANT
THEY'RE ALL SO COOL!

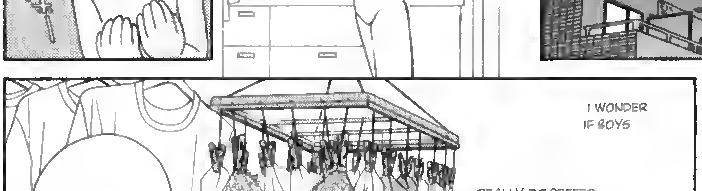
...EH?! MOM?!
A-AH, WHAT A SHOCK!
MOM, WERE YOU IN THE TOILET...?
TSUBO...MI...
Uuu...!
W-WHAT'S WRONG...
MOM..?!
Hug
TSUBOMI MOM IS GOING TO THE HOSPITAL FOR A LITTLE WHILE OKAY?
EH...A-ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? SHOULD I CALL AN AMBULANCE...?!

AND SO...
SAAA-
MOM WAS HOSPITALIZED
EH...
TAKE CARE OF THE HOUSE FOR ME, TSUKOMI.
I'LL GO BY MYSELF... IN A TAXI...
...I'M ALL RIGHT.
SMILE
OKAY?
U... UN
OKAY
I HAD A GUT FEELING THAT SOMETHING BAD WAS GOING TO HAPPEN.
THAT WAS WHEN

5 Yae's Secret

HEY, HEY DID YOU GUYS WATCH TRIVIA LAST NIGHT?
5-1
NIHIHI!
THAT MEGUMI SURE HAS BIG TITS, DOESN'T SHE?
BREASTS I TELL YOU!
YOU'RE BEING TOO LOUD!
OH, THAT FUTOSHI! BOYS ARE SO DIRTY!
NOTE: YOU IS SAEGUSA'S FIRST NAME
HEY, YOU*! YOU AGREE WITH ME DON'T YOU?
I'M NOT INTERESTED
PRETENDING NOT TO CARE AGAIN, HUH?
WAIT, I KNOW! YOUR SISTER HAS BIG BOOBS, DOESN'T SHE?!
THEY'RE HUGE!
SO, I GUESS YOU'RE SICK OF SEEING BIG ONES RIGHT?
HAHA!
OW!

FLAT...


I WONDER IF BOYS
AH MOM'S BRA
REALLY DO PREFER BIG ONES

AH
SAEGUSA-KUN TOO...
IF ONLY MINE WERE THIS SIZE

NEE-CHAN IS PUTTING YOUR BRA ON!
MOOOOM!
WAIT SOU!
WHAT? YAE DO YOU WANT A BRA?
SHE DOESN'T NEED ONE AT ALL!
WELL WELL
SHEESH!
OW!
HEY SOU! GIRLS AREN'T GOING TO LIKE YOU IF YOU KEEP SAYING STUFF LIKE THAT!
WELL! I GUESS YOU'VE FINALLY REACHED THAT AGE, HAVEN'T YOU, YAE?
SHALL WE GO AND BUY YOU A BRA TOGETHER?
EH- N-NO, IT'S ALL RIGHT!
WHY NOT? COME ON LET'S GO! I'LL PICK ONE OUT FOR YOU! ♪
NO WAY! THAT'D BE SO EMBARRASSING!
AH REALLY? OKAY, I'LL GIVE YOU SOME MONEY AND YOU CAN SHOW ME WHEN YOU BUY ONE OKAY?
AHHH~ ISN'T THAT NICE? WHAT ABOUT ME, MOM?
MONEY
YOU DON'T NEED A BRA!

THERE ARE SO MANY
すらーっ
W WHAT SHOULD I DO?
SALE
SALE
AH SHE SEEMS NICE
STARE
UWAH THEY'RE HUGE
Y YES
...IS THIS THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE BOUGHT A BRA?
SMILE
WHICH ONE SHOULD I PICK ?
おず
おず
WELCOME!
ALL RIGHT... LET'S START BY MEASURING YOUR SIZE COME THIS WAY
BUT THERE ARE SO MANY DIFFERENT TYPES AND SIZES I JUST DON'T KNOW

ないしょのつぼみ
AH BOSS
DO WE HAVE ANYTHING SMALLER THAN AN A CUP?
WHISPER
EHHH?! YOU MEAN I'M EVEN SMALLER THAN AN A-CUP?!
WHEN IT COMES TO BUST SIZE WE MEASURE THE FULL BUST AND THE UNDER BUST
OKAY JUST RELAX YOUR ARMS
WE THEN CHOOSE THE BRA BASED ON THE FRAME AND CUP SIZES WE GET FROM MEASUREMENTS
LET'S SEE... HMM...
?
EH?
EH?
IN YOUR CASE
AH
NOoo! STOP REPEATING IT!
HOLD ON... NOW JUST WHERE WERE THEY? AA-CUP... AA AA
AH YOU MEAN AN AA CUP. I'M PRETTY SURE WE HAD SOME IN THE BACK OVER HERE
EH?
WE'VE GOT THEM! WE'VE GOT SOME AA CUPS!
AH!
ANEKI*

ANEKI: RESPECTFUL WAY OF ADDRESSING ONE'S OLDER SISTER.

THERE YOU GO! I KNEW IT! AN AA-CUP 5 THE PERFECT FIT FOR YOU!
SAEGUSA-KUN?!
WHAT'S HE DOING HERE?!

REGISTER
GLANCE
YOU! WE HAVE CUSTOMERS HERE
YOU FORGOT THIS
HERE ANEKI
TTHANKS
SAEGUSA-KUN
TURN
H-HEY ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
WHAT S WRONG?
HEARD MY SIZE!
slump
thump
N
NO!
IT CAN T BE !
PRIVATE
staff only

...YOU'RE ONE OF YOU'S FRIENDS AREN'T YOU?
OH, I SHOULD BE THE ONE APOLOGIZING
MY LITTLE BROTHER CAN BE SO INSENSITIVE
THOUGH IT WAS MY FAULT FOR LEAVING SOMETHING BEHIND AT HOME
I'M SORRY...
HERE YOU GO
TAP
"FRIEND"
YES...
MAYBE...
EH?!
I SHOULD JUST GIVE UP ON BUYING A BRA...
BUT SAEGUSA-KUN
MIGHT BE UNIMPRESSED AFTER KNOWING MY SIZE
I'M SO SORRY!
I KNOW I'M SAYING THIS AS HIS SISTER
BUT HE'S REALLY NOT THE KIND OF BOY THAT WOULD MAKE FUN OF YOU OR GO AROUND TELLING THE ENTIRE CLASS...
AH... I KNOW

YOU CAN BE LATE FOR WEARING A BRA, BUT NEVER TOO EARLY!
NOT AT ALL!
...I JUST THINK THAT MAYBE IT'S STILL TOO EARLY FOR ME...
AH, IT'S NOT BECAUSE I WAS SEEN BY SAEGUSA-KUN OR ANYTHING
EH ?
ACTUALLY I WAS AS FLAT AS A BOARD UP UNTIL MY FIRST YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL
AH SORRY
FLAT UNTIL THE FIRST YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL... THAT MEANS
MAYBE THERE'S SOME HOPE LEFT FOR ME TOO
BUT THEN AT SOME POINT THEY SUDDENLY STARTED TO GROW QUICKLY
WHEN I WENT TO BUY A BRA, THERE WERE NO CUTE ONES LEFT IN MY SIZE
I WAS BUYING MY FIRST BRA AND YET THEY ONLY HAD ADULT BRAS AND ONES FOR OLD LADIES IT'S A LITTLE SAD, ISN'T IT?
HAAH

HEY
THERE ARE PLENTY OF CUTE ONES DESIGNED FOR JUNIORS IN A CUP AND B CUP RIGHT?
DON'T YOU THINK
THAT YOU MIGHT AS WELL START ENJOYING THEM EARLY?
U... UM... ONEE-SAN WHEN YOU SAID THAT THEY SUDDENLY STARTED TO GROW RAPIDLY..
WAS THERE SOME KIND OF TRIGGER FOR IT?
I
IN MY CASE... YES I SUPPOSE IT WAS BECAUSE I FELL IN LOVE
LOVE?
THUMP
WELL I GUESS IT VARIES
LOVE...

SAEGUSA-KUN!
I'M SORRY
I KNOW IT COULDN'T BE HELPED
BUT I SAW YOU IN A SITUATION WHERE YOU'D PROBABLY BE EMBARRASSED
EH?! W-WHY?
IT WASN'T YOUR FAULT, SAEGUSA-KUN
AND YOU LOOKED REALLY TROUBLED TOO
AH...!
THAT'S NOT BECAUSE THAT...
UH
SAE GUSA-KUN
DO YOU THINK BIG ONES ARE BETTER AFTER ALL?
HUH?

KYAH !
There was something I didn't tell you yesterday
I'm sorry, Saegusa-kun's sis
CHIRP CHIRP CHIRP
YO!
WOAH A SRA!
SNAP
BONG
どりぶし
OW!
GOOD MORNING, YAE-CHIN!
So please, keep it a secret
It's something I haven't told anyone yet... not even Rea or Tsubomi...
TRY TO SHOW SOME RESTRAINT
SHEESH
EH?! YAE-CHIN'S FIRST SRA?! SO COOL!
THUMP
FOR SOME REASON, I GET THE FEELING THAT YOU'S BEEN KICKING ME A LOT LATELY.

EH?
The truth is, we've started going out
GOOD MORNING
YO
GOOD MORNING!
...and he's worried that the other girls will be jealous of me
DON'T TELL ME THAT YAE-CHIN AND SAEGUSA-KUN ARE
EH?! WHAT WAS THAT JUST NOW?! WHAT HAPPENED?!
But Saegusa-kun is worried that rumors will start spreading
So, it's still a secret
I WONDER IF IN TIME I COULD BECOME LIKE SAEGUSA-KUN'S ONEE-SAN AND ENDOU-SAN TOO...
THUMP
THUMP

第6話 ODDLY COMPLEX

OKAY, I'M GOING TO PICK RED!
BUMP
AH!
HEY WHICH ONE ARE YOU PICKING?
FINALLY, THE DAY HAS COME! OUR CLASS TRIP IS TOMORROW!
TODAY, I'M HERE TO BUY SNACKS AND TOILETRIES WITH REA-PI AND YAE-CHIN ♫
HEY, HEY WHY DON'T WE EACH PICK ONE AND MAKE A SET? A different color for each of us!
LET'S DO THAT!
AH THAT SOUNDS GOOD

bump
AH...!
Benton
AH...!
THIS RED IS THE RED OF A HERO! IT'S MY COLOR! GO PICK A DIFFERENT ONE!
WHAT?! I WANT THIS ONE TOO!
YOU'RE SUCH A BRAT!
THEN, I'LL TAKE PINK
I THINK I'LL PICK THE LIGHT BLUE ONE
FUTOSHI
NO WAY! I TOUCHED IT FIRST SO IT'S MINE!
WHAT?! ARE YOU PICKING THIS ONE TOO?!
WHA...?!
AH...!
GUESS I'LL PICK THIS ONE THEN...
WHAT'S WRONG YOU?
NOTHING
ARE YOU TAKING THE GREEN ONE?
YEAH...
NEMOTO-KUN!
トッ
THUMP
YEAH
YOU GUYS CAME TOO?
SOMEHOW.. I'VE BEEN NOTICING HIM A LOT LATELY
THUMP THUMP
.....
AH...!
YUKI'S IS SKY BLUE
THE ONLY ONES LEFT ARE LIGHT BLUE AND PINK

NO WAY...!
AH! YAE-CHIN AND SAEGUSA-KUN HAVE MATCHING COLORS...!
GRAB
HUMP
HUMP
EH...?!
DOOON~~h
HEY, HEY! COME TO THINK OF IT...
YAE-CHIN, ARE YOU AND SAEGUSA-KUN, LIKE, AN ITEM?!
AH, SHE SAID SHE HAD SOMETHING TO DO...
I did ask her, though.
COME TO THINK OF IT, WHERE'S ENDOU-SAN TODAY?
Sheesh
HEY, STOP THAT!
KIND OF LIKE YOU AND KUKI-KUN, YOU MEAN? ♡
REA-PI'S IS RED, YAE-CHIN'S IS LIGHT BLUE, MINE IS PINK, SO SAYA'S IS
GREEN
!
I KNOW!
I THINK I'LL BUY ONE FOR SAYA, TOO!
So we'll have a set together!
KYAAAH!?

BUYING THE GREEN TOOTHBRUSH SET FOR SAYA THAT DAY
WAS SOMETHING THAT I WOULD LATER COME TO REGRET
WHAT SHOULD I DO..?
IT'S THE SAME COLOR AS NEMOTO-KUN'S
EH?
AH, WAIT I'M COMING TOO!
TSUBOMI~! WE'RE GOING TO PAY FOR THEM NOW!
KA-CHING
THANK YOU VERY MUCH

?
PWAA~H! I'M SO SWEATY!
LET'S HURRY UP AND GET INTO THE BATH! ♪
FWOOMP
HUH? REA-?! AND YAE-CHIN ARE COVERING UP THEIR FRONTS WITH TOWELS...
AND BELOW, TOO (I UNDERSTAND IF THEY'RE COVERING THEIR BREASTS, BUT...)
You can see Yae-chin's breasts, after all
SLIDE
WHY?! WE'RE ALL GIRLS HERE, AREN'T WE...?!
EH~~?! EVERYONE'S COVERING UP!
AH!
Gawk

SLIDE
SAYA!
Ah!
THUMP
THE ONLY GIRLS WHO AREN'T ARE THE ONES LIKE ME WHO HAVEN'T STARTED GROWING HAIR YET!
I SEE! THE GIRLS WHO ALREADY HAVE HAIR GROWING ARE COVERING UP!
SAYA'S COVERING UP TOO..
COULD IT BE THAT..
BENEATH THAT TOWEL...?!
LUT
SUDDENLY, I'M STARTING TO GET EMBARRASSED..
EVEN THOUGH THERE'S NOTHING TO SEE YET
KYAAAH!!
THUMP
IT...
IT'S GROWING!

IYAAAAAAH~~! THE BOYS ARE PEEKING!
The boys changing room is on the other side.
FROM OVER THERE!
EH?! NO WAY!
EH?!
FUTOSHI WAS PEEPING FROM OVER THERE!
AH SENSEI!
WHAT'S WRONG?!
THAT WAS FUTOSHI'S FACE!
YOU GIRLS HAVEN'T EVEN GROWN HAIR YET!
LIAR! WE SAW YOU!
WHO'D WANT TO LOOK AT YOUR BODIES?
...I WAS NOT PEEPING!
WHA...?!
!
ESPECIALLY KATOU REA! SHE'S AS SMOOTH AS A BABY'S BOTTOM!

AH! BUT YAMABUKI YAE HAD QUITE A BIT...
leer
YOU WERE LOOKING WEREN'T YOU?!
DON'T LOOK YOU FOOL!
YOU'RE THE WORST KUKI-KUN!
.....
WHOSE ARE YOU CALLING SMOOTH AS A BABY'S BOTTOM?!
I DO TOO HAVE HAIR!
Gek!
EEEEHHHHHH?!

WAAAAAAAAAH!
...AH!
A
AH
AU
Futoshi, you jerk!
REA-
PI!
カサ
HAS KATOU-SAN CALMED DOWN?
UN
She fell asleep.

REALLY?
BUT YAE-CHIN IS TALL, AND SHE'S DEVELOPING
IT DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH HOW TALL YOU ARE
...BUT I WAS REALLY SURPRISED, TO THINK THAT REA-PI HAD ALREADY STARTED TO GROW HAIR...
I wonder if it's true
EVEN THOUGH SHE'S SHORTER THAN ME...
WHAT ABOUT YOU TSUBOMI?
I WAS BORN IN FEBRUARY MY BIRTHDAY IS ON THE 3RD
EH? ...LET'S SEE. REA-PI WAS BORN IN APRIL, AND YAE-CHIN WAS BORN IN MAY.
WHAT MONTHS WERE KATOU-SAN AND YAMABUKI-SAN BORN IN?
WHAT I MEAN IS, BY THE TIME YOU WERE BORN THEY WERE ALREADY 9 MONTH OLD BABIES
IF THEY WERE QUICK LEARNERS PERHAPS THEY HAD ALREADY STARTED TO STAND UP AND SAY "MAMA"
EEH?! THAT'S HOW BIG THE GAP IS...?!
THEN THERE'S A 9 MONTH GAP BETWEEN YOU AND THOSE TWO
EH?!

PEOPLE BORN IN APRIL AND PEOPLE BORN IN MARCH CAN HAVE A WHOLE YEAR'S DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THEM.
SO IT'S ONLY NATURAL THAT THEIR DEVELOPMENT WOULD DIFFER BY THAT MUCH AS WELL
OF COURSE PEOPLE DO DEVELOP AT DIFFERENT RATES FROM THE START
YOUR BIRTHDAY IS LATE. SO DEVELOPING LATE ISN'T SOMETHING YOU SHOULD BE SO WORRIED ABOUT IT.
I SEE!
that sounds convincing
HM? WAIT, DID SHE JUST SAY I WAS SLOW? SHE DIDN'T EVEN HESITATE..
SPEAKING OF WHICH...
I HAVEN'T ASKED YOU YET!
WHEN IS YOUR BIRTHDAY, SAYA?
what day?

THE 24TH OF DECEMBER.
Christmas Eve!!
cheep cheep
Bzzzzt
chirp chirp
NNNN! WHAT A BEAUTIFUL DAY!
REVIVED!
I'M SORRY ABOUT MAKING SUCH A FUSS YESTERDAY.
AH! SHALL I CARRY YOUR BAGS FOR YOU, SIR?
EH?
DO YOU WANT ME TO CARRY YOUR STUFF FOR YOU, ENDOU?
YOU SHOULDN'T LIFT YOURSELF
PYOKE

HEY! DON'T YOU THINK NEMOTO'S BEING A BIT TOO NICE TO ENDOU-SAN TODAY?
EH?!
WHAT ABOUT ENDOU-SAN? DO YOU THINK THERE ARE ANY BOYS SHE LIKES?
ENDOU-SAN HAS BEEN AWAY FROM SCHOOL FOR A WHILE, SO NEMOTO-KUN IS JUST TAKING CARE OF HER AS THE CLASS PRESIDENT. ISN'T THAT ALL IT IS?
I WONDER ABOUT THAT ENDOU-SAN IS CUTE, AFTER ALL.
THUMP
NEMOTO-KUN...
AND SAY...?

第8話 REA-pi's Case

FUTOSHI!
FORGET ABOUT IT! THERE'S NO WAY SOMEONE AS SKINNY AS TACHIBANA COULD SUPPORT YOU!
Wah ha ha ha!
KUKI-KUN
C'MON, TRY IT. I'LL SUPPORT YOU
EH?!
WAH! YOU'RE SO KIND KUKI-KUN!
ONE, TWO
"UWAH! YOU'RE HEAVY! LIKE 50 TONS!"
CRASH!
YOU JERK!

Ding Dong
Ding Dong
AH~
I COULDN'T PULL MYSELF UP AFTER ALL, SO NOW I'VE GOT TO STAY BEHIND AFTER CLASS!
HEY DON'T YOU THINK SHORT PEOPLE HAVE AN UNFAIR DISADVANTAGE AT THE BAR?
Y-YEAH, I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT
FUTOSHI! YOU AGAIN?!
THE REASON YOU CAN'T PULL YOURSELF OVER IS BECAUSE YOUR BUTT IS SO HEAVY!
IT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH HOW TALL YOU ARE!
WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?! YOU'RE ALWAYS TREATING ME LIKE I'M FAT!
WHAT, IT'S THE TRUTH, ISN'T IT?
YOU'RE BETTER OFF JUST ACCEPTING IT!
IT'S ONLY NATURAL YOU'D GET FAT!
Sheesh
YOU'VE BEEN PIGGING OUT SINCE YOU WERE LITTLE, HAVEN'T YOU?
WHEN IT COMES TO LUNCH,
YOU'RE ALWAYS THE FIRST TO GET SECONDS WHEN IT'S SOMETHING YOU LIKE.

OH, THAT FUTOSHI!
WHAT KIND OF GUY IS HE, ANYWAY, NOT BEING ABLE TO SUPPORT JUST ONE GIRL?! WHAT A JERK!
...
Girl's Room
BUT... AM I REALLY AS FAT AS HE SAYS?
OF COURSE NOT
EH?
And good looking, too
IT MUST BE NICE FOR YOU YAE-CHIN, BEING SO THIN
EH?!
I'M THE ONE ENVIOUS OF YOU, REA-PI
I'M... TALL,
SO WHEN I GET ON THE BUS, PEOPLE ASK ME THINGS LIKE "ARE YOU REALLY A PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENT?!"...
MY BUST IS SMALL AND I'M TOUGH-LOOKING SO EVERYONE CALLS ME A TOMBOY
I see..
THAT'S WHY
I ADMIRE LITTLE FEMININE GIRLS LIKE YOU, REA-PI

Boys changing!
No girls!
Don't peek!
I guess everyone worries about different things
WAIT... IN OTHER WORDS, THEY ALL WANT WHAT THEY DON'T HAVE?!
HUH?
95 POINTS!
?!
ENDOU SAYA IS THE BEST AFTER ALL
...YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT
murder murder
WH... WHAT ARE YOU BOYS DOING?!
BANG!
5-1
No way! They're rating the girls?!
That's so mean!
HOLD ON THERE, HER FACE IS KIND OF CUTE SO I'D GIVE HER A 75
SHE'S NO GOOD SHE'S STILL JUST A KID 60 POINTS
WHAT ABOUT TACHIBANA? TACHIBANA TSUBOMI
Huh?! What the heck is this?!
YAMABUKI YAE IS SURPRISINGLY DECENT TOO ISN'T SHE?
70 POINTS
BUT SHE'S PRETTY FLAT
THIS IS SO STUPID
HEY, CUT THAT OUT!
KATOU REA!
WHAT ABOUT KATOU?
!!
PRICKLE

*A high-speed light tank used in WWII. Also a nickname for short, fat people

UWAH! YOU WERE LISTENING?!
WHAT WHAT WHAT?!
NO, I THINK YOU'D BETTER GIVE UP ON THAT SERIOUSLY
AFTER HAVING SEEN YOUR MOTHER
Aren't you human?
I'LL BE TALL, SLIM, AND BEAUTIFUL TOO!!
WHEN...
WHEN I GROW UP...
chatter chatter
I'll show those boys and Futoshi!
Now that it's come down to this...!
YOU LL DIE~
GLARE
THERE S NO WAY YOU LL LAST WITH ONLY THAT MUCH
Aren't you human?
IS THAT ALL YOU RE HAVING, REA-P!?
EH?

I'm going to slim down and become beautiful no matter what!
EVEN THOUGH TODAY IS MY BELOVED SPAGETTI
Half
I'VE ALREADY FINISHED
Thanks for the food.
THAT'S RIGHT WHY?
IS KUKI-KUN KATOU-SAN'S CHILDHOOD FRIEND?
disappointment
CLATTER
IT'S NOTHING I JUST WONDER IF KUKI-KUN
EEH?!
Futoshi?
HAS BEEN WATCHING OUT FOR KATOU-SAN FOR A LONG TIME NOW
CLATTER
HOLD ON TSUBOMI!
AH, DO YOU THINK SO TOO, SAYA?
He does watch her a lot, doesn't he?
EH...
I can't give her a score!
She's out of the question!
EVEN JUST NOW KUKI-KUN WAS TRYING TO PROTECT HER
HE WAS TRYING TO AVOID GIVING HER A GRADE WASN'T HE?

After Class
Futoshi... has been watching out for me?
DING DONG
DING DONG
HMPH! I BET FUTOSHI'S ONLY HANGING AROUND ME
JUST SO HE CAN LOOK FOR AN OPENING AND MAKE FUN OF ME!
...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!
YOU can pull yourself up
I'M JUST PLAYING ON THE BARS
Don't mind me.

NN!
OWWW~!
OH, NOW I'VE GOT A BLISTER! IT HURTS TOO!
AW, MAN, YOUR POSTURE'S TERRIBLE. I CAN'T STAND TO WATCH THIS
OH, SHUT UP! IF YOU DON'T WANT TO LOOK, DON'T!
YOU DON'T THINK YOU CAN DO IT, DO YOU?
Get back!
YOU'LL NEVER MAKE IT LIKE THAT
LISTEN UP. YOU'VE GOT TO SPREAD OUT YOUR ARMS LIKE THIS
THEN, YOU SUDDENLY JUMP UP IN ONE SPURT WITHOUT BENDING YOUR ARMS
MOVE YOUR LEGS UPWARDS, NOT FORWARDS, LIKE YOU'RE GOING TO KICK THE SKY LIKE THIS!
C'MON, TRY IT LIKE I JUST TOLD YOU
I'LL SUPPORT YOU
N... NO THANKS! I CAN DO IT ON MY OWN!
Grip
Spread out your arms!
without bending your arms
Jump up in one spurt
Like you're going to kick the sky. Like this!

...AH!
I DID IT!
OUCH!
GYUU
!
KATOU-SAN! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
I'LL TAKE YOU TO THE NURSE'S OFFICE
I... I FEEL KIND OF SICK ALL OF A SUDDEN
My hands are not shaking but my legs feel weird...
SEE!
THE BLISTER BROKE! NOW THE SKIN IS PEELING!
GYAAAH!
UU...

Futoshi?!
I'LL TAKE HER!
EH?!
OH... OH YOU! Uh... I can't move...
That's rich coming from someone who let me drop during PE!
THERE'S NO WAY ANYONE ELSE COULD CARRY
SOMEONE AS HEAVY AS HER!
Well, he IS one of the bigger boys in class...
...was he really this strong?
...But Futoshi...
Oh no... Futoshi is actually looking cool... just a little
It must be... the anemia (?) right?
SHEESH!
YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN THE TYPE TO CARRY THINGS TO EXTREMES!
Nurse's Office

...
THIS WOULD USUALLY BE MY SNACK TIME, TOO
GULU...
YOU BARELY ATE ANYTHING AT LUNCH TODAY, RIGHT?!
I TOLD YOU YOU WOULDN'T LAST LIKE THAT!
You had to stay behind today, too!
EH?
ALL THE BOYS EVEN YOU
YOU ALL PREFER SLIM GIRLS LIKE YAE-CHIN AND ENDOU-SAN RIGHT?!
I WANT TO BECOME SLIM AND BEAUTIFUL!
BUT...
I WANTED TO HURRY UP AND BECOME LIKE YAE-CHIN AND ENDOU-SAN
EH?!
THAT'S NOT TRUE
I GUESS IT'D HAVE TO BE A GIRL WITH BIG BREASTS!
OH!
Pervert!
Y...YOUR TYPE IS...?
MY TYPE IS...
Hmm
SHAPE
Eeh?!
AT LEAST, YAMABUKI AND ENDOU AREN'T MY TYPE...

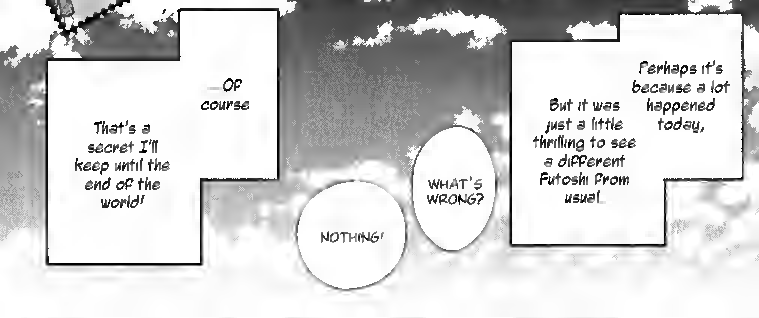
EH ?!
AND CUTE RATHER THAN BEAUTIFUL I GUESS...
Kuku-kun
AND SHE'D HAVE TO BE SHORT
Oh no... don't tell me Futoshi ?!
THUMP
I just wonder if Kuki-kun has been watching out for Kato-san for a long time now

Often say perverted things and harass girls, but...

Boys like Futoshi

could it be because they're interested in them?

Maybe they're doing it on purpose to get their attention?


...Of course
That's a secret I'll keep until the end of the world!
But it was just a little thrilling to see a different Futoshi from usual.
Perhaps it's because a lot happened today,
WHAT'S WRONG?
NOTHING!

WHERE
AM I?
SFX: THUMP

WHY DON'T WE...
KISS TOO?
AH!
UWAH..!
THOSE TWO
SFX: HEART BEATS
GULP!
SFX: THUMP THUMP

Haaa!
TWEET TWEET
WHAT A DREAM...!
(FX: THUMP THUMP)

COULD IT BE... THAT THING WE SAW IN THAT VIDEO IN YESTERDAY'S PE...?!
Growing Minds and Bodies
ガーーーン！
SFX: SHOCK!
RUSTLE
EH
DID I WET THE BED...?
NO THAT'S NOT IT...
THEN THAT MEANS

GOOD MORNING, NEMOTO-KUN
...ABOUT YESTER-DAY...

AH!
TACHIBANA

DING
DONG
SELF-LOATHING

AHH~ WHAT AM I DOING IGNORING HER?!
CLATTER
TH... AN...
TURN
SFX BAM
YO, DAIKI!
YOU KNOW HOW THERE'S A PARKING LOT BEHIND THE CONVENIENCE STORE ON THE THIRD BLOCK RIGHT?
EH?
HEY HEY CHECK IT OUT I FOUND OUT SOMETHING COOL!
WHA ?!
HE HE HE
THEY SAY THERE'S A LOTTA DISCARDED PORN MAGAZINES THERE!
FUTO SHI
WAHH
EH ?!
BLUSH
... THAT YOU'VE STARTED TO DEVELOP A THING FOR TACHIBANA?
ZOOM ZOOM
?
YOU ! TACHIBANA'S LISTENING YOU KNOW!
HUH? WHAT'S WITH YOU TRYING TO ACT ALL COOL?
AH! COULD IT BE...

SFX: CLING!
TURN
!
ROLL
TAP
TAP
EH ?!
AH...!
NOTHING!
WHAT'S THAT?
HEY!
WAI...

CHATTER
CHATTER
DING
DING
DONG
DONG
GRAB
FOR SOME REASON
I FIND IT HARD TO RETURN THIS TO HER
GWAAH!
?
JUMP
UUH
SFX POOF
YOU
YOU'RE ACTING KIND OF STRANGE TODAY... DAIKI
THUMP

DAMN IT!
COME TO THINK OF IT IT WAS ALL YOU S FAULT!
WORRY
WORRY
IT S NO USE!
I CAN T SEEM TO FACE ANYONE TODAY!
EN DOU
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
THUMP

NEMOTO-KUN, THE CLASS LEADER...
IT'S CERTAINLY UNUSUAL TO FIND SOMEONE LIKE YOU SITTING ALONE IN A PLACE LIKE THIS AT LUNCHTIME.
GIGGLE
SHUFFLE SHUFFLE
HUSTLE
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
WITH TSUBOMI?
COME TO THINK OF IT THAT VIDEO WE WATCHED YESTERDAY...
THUMP,
FROM AROUND OUR AGE, THOSE KIDS GREW
BOTH IN MIND AND BODY
BIT BY BIT AND SOMETIMES QUITE SUDDENLY
THEY BECAME ADULTS
IT'S ONLY NATURAL OF COURSE

THAT'S WHY WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT SOMEONE LIKE THAT, OR EVEN WHEN YOU START THINKING EROTIC THOUGHTS
THAT'S HOW WE WERE MADE...
THESE THINGS ARE NATURAL
IT'S A BASIC INSTINCT
HUH...?
NOW THAT I GET A GOOD LOOK AT HER...
ENDOU LOOKS A LITTLE LIKE TACHIBANA
SPEAKING OF WHICH...
THERE I GO AGAIN THINKING ABOUT TACHIBANA!
UWOAH
YES?!
THUMP

EH
DO YOU WANT ME TO CARRY YOUR STUFF FOR YOU ENDOU?
YOU SHOULDN'T EXERT YOURSELF
WHEN I CAME BACK TO SCHOOL AFTER BEING SICK YOU WATCHED OUT FOR ME
I'VE BEEN PUTTING IT OFF FOR A WHILE NOW
BUT I HAVE TO THANK YOU
EH? WHAT FOR?
WHAT I MEAN IS YOU HAVE TO BE EXTRA NICE TO THE GIRL YOU'RE INTERESTED IN
BUT YOU WERE KIND NOT ONLY TO ME BUT TO EVERYONE
IF YOU DON'T BECOME A BIT MORE AWARE OF IT YOU'LL FIND THAT AT TIMES IT MAY BE MORE CRUEL THAN KIND YOU WOULD DO WELL TO REMEMBER THAT
ALTHOUGH IT'S A GOOD QUALITY TO HAVE
EH?
EH...?
AH SPEAKING OF WHICH TSUBOMI TOLD ME THAT SHE DROPPED HER KEYHOLDER I'VE BEEN LOOKING AROUND FOR HER
WOULD YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THAT?
!

SFX: THUD!
OKAY
AH EXCUSE ME I'M GOING ON BACK TO THE CLASSROOM
...YOU REALLY ARE AMAZING... ENDOU
IT'S LIKE YOU CAN SEE THROUGH EVERYTHING
NO WONDER EVERYONE IN THE CLASS RESPECTS Y-

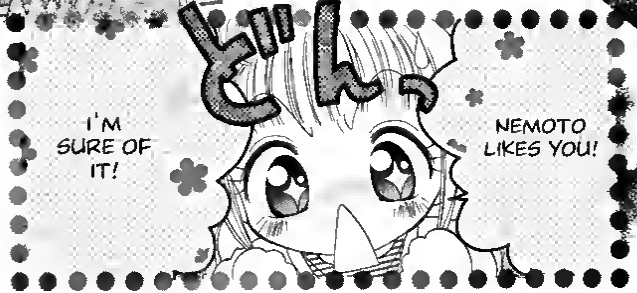
IT'S NOT HERE!
5-1
EH~ THEN WHERE IS IT?
OH, TSUBOMI YOU'RE ALWAYS DROPPING THINGS!
SHIFT SHIFT
HERE...
TACHIBANA!
RUSTLE
AH...!
THANK YOU!
NO WAY...
NEMOTO-KUN AGAIN

BUT WHERE DID YOU FIND THIS?
THIS MORNING, NEAR THE SHOE LOCKERS
THE CHAIN CLASP WAS BROKEN SO I FIXED IT FOR YOU
REALLY? THANKS!
FOR YESTERDAY AND TODAY!
EH?! YESTERDAY?!
WHAT? WHAT?

DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?!
TELL ME!
NOTHING SPECIAL... RIGHT?
RIGHT!

第11話 THE REASON FOR LOVE

Why do people fall in love?



SFX: DON!

WELL? WELL? WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THAT, EH?
AND BESIDES, HE GAVE YOU THAT BIRD KEYHOLDER, DIDN'T HE?
Eh?!
Uu...!
I MEAN, HE LOOKS OUT FOR YOU,
AND HE LIVES CLOSE TO YOU TOO...
EH ...?!
WHAT DOES LIVING CLOSE TO ME HAVE TO DO WITH IT...?
Oh, Sheesh!
ABOUT NEMOTO! DO YOU LIKE HIM?! DO YOU HATE HIM?!
...SO?
WHAT DO YOU THINK TSUBOMI?
EH?!
I don't know.
..about how I Feel
..or about how Nemoto-kun really feels
THUMP
About Nemoto-kun...
SHEESH!
Why not?!
Kimm!
...I DON'T KNOW

This is what it's like
I'M TELLING YOU
THAT'S WHAT IT MEANS TO LIKE SOMEONE!
...to 'love' someone...?
really?
THUMP
THUMP
NEMOTO-KUN IS A SPECIAL BOY TO ME...
HE'S DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHERS
But
When I see him or think about him... even when I just hear his name...
THUMP
My pulse races, and I can feel my face growing hot
THUMP
EH?!
TSUBOMI! GO AND CONFESS TO NEMOTO!
UUU
OKAY! I'VE GOT IT!
Quiver
Quiver
YOU WANT TO KNOW HOW HE REALLY FEELS, RIGHT?!
THUMP
AH! I JUST HAD A GREAT IDEA!
I do...
THUMP
THAT WAY, YOU'LL KNOW HOW HE FEELS ABOUT YOU, TOO!
Ah...

W...WAIT! DON'T JUST DECIDE ALL OF THIS BY YOURSELF!
How romantic!
THAT'S WHEN YOU CONFESS!
CAPTIVATED
A CHRISTMAS PARTY?
WHY DON'T WE HOLD A PARTY WITH EVERYONE ON CHRISTMAS EVE?!
YES! AND THEN...
Shhh!
Shhh!
WAWAH!
TSUBOMI?
I'm coming in
KNOCK KNOCK
CLACK
HELLO.
WELCOME, RE-PI-CHAN.
...UWAH! YOUR STOMACH... IS THE BABY GOING TO BE BORN SOON?
SORRY FOR INTRUDING ON YOU!
REALLY? I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THE BABY!
OKAY! ♪
Hey! Let me hold her!
I can't wait to meet her...
DING DONG
UFUFU YES, SHE'S EXPECTED TO BE BORN ON NEW YEAR'S EVE
THEY SAY MY BODY'S PREPARED TO ACCOMMODATE THE BABY'S BIRTH AT ANY MOMENT NOW

EH? A CHRISTMAS PARTY?
YEAH! WHY DON'T WE ALL GO TOGETHER?!
HEY, THAT SOUNDS LIKE FUN!
I'll go!
I'M GOING TO BRING SOME GAMES!
ME TOO! I'LL BORROW SOME FROM MY BROTHER
...
ME TOO!
EH?
WHAT'S WRONG YOU?
AH... IT'S NOTHING
THEN LET'S HAVE IT AT MY PLACE
MY SISTER (SINGLE) SAID SHE'D BE MAKING SOMETHING TO EAT, ANYWAY
She likes to cook
Eh?! Really?!
Thanks for the meal!
Confess to him!
CLATTER
PUFF
WELL, I GUESS IT'S ALL RIGHT IF IT'S JUST THIS YEAR

No way...
A love letter?!
I-I'M NOT GOING TO DO ANYTHING!
Snatch
Hey!
WHATCHA GONNA DO? WHATCHA GONNA DO?
DING DONG DING DONG
COME ON! CLASS IS STARTING!
Wait up, you playboy!
?
SFX: RUSTLE
HEY! SOMETHING FELL OUT OF YOUR LOCKER!
WHAT IS IT?
SFX: BUMP
You the many Dark
HEY..!
"I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU AT LUNCHTIME TODAY BEHIND THE GYM." WOAH! WOAH!
Woo! Woo!
IT'S FROM... UWAH! SHE'S A 6TH GRADER!
You future lady killer, you!
HEY, CUT IT OUT!

ZOOM
WELL?! HOW DID IT GO?! HOW DID IT GO?!
HUH?!
THUMP THUMP
THUMP THUMP
DING DONG
HEY, HEY! DID SHE CONFESS TO YOU?! WHAT DID YOU SAY?!
UUH
YOU JUST WENT TO SEE THE GIRL WHO SENT YOU THE LETTER, RIGHT?!
NOTHING IN PARTICULAR
SHE CONFESSED TO ME
AND
I SAID SORRY' END OF STORY
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!
Whack!
OW!
...
Fidget
BOING!
SHE'S A 6TH GRADER! SHE'S GOT BOOBS!
WHAT?! YOU TURNED HER DOWN?!
EHHHH!!
What waste!

Y
YEAH
Psst
LOOKS LIKE NEMOTO-KUN TURNED THAT GIRL DOWN
EH?!
THUMP
...
drip
drip
Splash
From a 6th grader...
A confession...
I wonder how she confessed...?
I bet she was shocked when he turned her down...
What if I confess to Nemoto-kun...
...and he turns me down?
THUMP

The day of the Christmas party
SORRY FOR INTRUDING!
NO !
shake shake
Maybe...
I don't have the courage to confess to him after all.
NICE BOOBS AS ALWAYS, ONEE-SAMA!
Hikkori!
...
?
?
Oh!!
UWAH! SOMEHOW, SHE SEEMS EXTRA CUTE TODAY
Hmmm
NEMOTO-KUN AND I CAME EARLIER
Wah! Our eyes met!
TURN
Gah!

...what am I doing?!
Whaaaa~!
COME ON, THE FOOD'S READY!
This way to the living room
YAAY!
DID I DO SOMETHING WRONG?
EH?!
WHAT IS IT, ANEKI?
...OH...
IT'S NOTHING...
?

MERRY CHRISTMAS~!
SFX: BANG BANG
chatter chatter
PUFF
That's when you confess!
But under these circumstances...
Just when and how do I do it?!
SFX: THUMP THUMP
SAYA...
EH? AGAIN?!
UH, I'M JUST GOING TO THE TOILET..
ARE YOU OKAY?
SHOULD I COME WITH YOU?
EH?! @Nemoto-kun
I'LL GO WITH HER

EH?
UWAAA~N! AT THIS RATE, HE'S GOING TO END UP HATING ME~~~!
WHAT'S WRONG?
TSUBOMI
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
SAYA...
QUIVER
IT'S BECAUSE REA-PI RECOMMENDED THAT I CONFESS TO NEMOTO-KUN...
SOMEHOW IT S MADE ME EXTRA CONSCIOUS OF HIM
...
PROBABLY?
YES PROBABLY...
DO YOU...
LIKE NEMOTO-KUN?
Eh...
I DON'T KNOW WHY I FELL IN LOVE WITH HIM...
BUT BEFORE I KNEW IT... IT FEELS LIKE I DID...

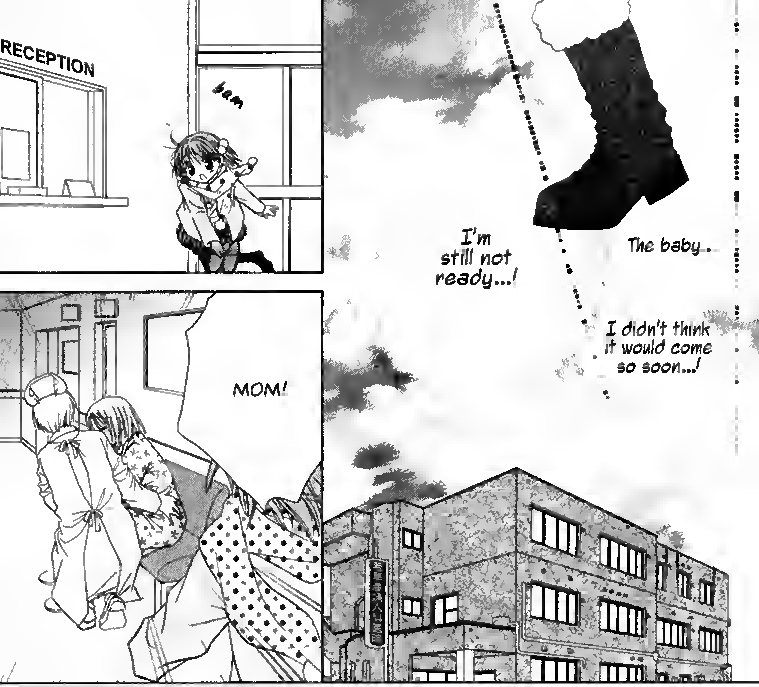
SFX: THUMP

We have to fall in love...
WE ARE MADE TO FALL IN LOVE WITH SOMEONE I'M CERTAIN OF IT
AND THAT IS BECAUSE FROM THE DAY WE ARE BORN
'LOVE' BEGINS WITH THE SMALLEST OF TRIGGERS...
FOR EXAMPLE YOUR SEATS IN CLASS MIGHT JUST HAPPEN TO BE CLOSE
OR YOU MAY HAVE HAD MORE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH HIM THAN THE OTHER GIRLS IN THE CLASS
ONE BY ONE THESE SMALL COINCIDENCES CAN EASILY ACCUMULATE TO FLIP THE SWITCH
EH...?!
THEN... THE REASON I FELL IN LOVE WITH NEMOTO-KUN WAS
BECAUSE WHEN I WAS IN TROUBLE, HE JUST HAPPENED TO BE THE ONE WHO HELPED ME?!
HMM... PERHAPS.
THEN IT DIDN'T HAVE TO BE HIM? IT COULD HAVE BEEN ANYONE ?
Kuk-kun... or Saegusa-kun...
Gan
...BUT YOU KNOW, IT'S NOT ALL JUST COINCIDENCE.
...I THINK THERE'S AN ELEMENT OF FATE.
FATE?
YES, FATE.
THAT WHICH JOINS TWO PEOPLE AND BRINGS THEM TOGETHER...
THAT'S FATE

...JUST LIKE HOW YOU AND I MET
THAT, TOO WAS FATE
EH?!
Patter Patter
AH!
TSUSOMI-CHAN! WE GOT A CALL FROM YOUR HOUSE!
EH?
WHY DON'T YOU TRY TELLING NEMOTO-KUN HOW YOU FEEL?
THEY SAY YOUR MOM'S IN THE HOSPITAL!
SHE'S ABOUT TO GIVE BIRTH!
EH?!
I'LL BE HERE CHEERING YOU ON

12 THE 24TH OF DECEMBER

MOM SAYS THE BABY'S ABOUT TO BE BORN!
They said it would be on New Year's day...
There's still a whole week to go... and yet, it's happening already?!
It can't be..!
W... WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
HUH?
TSUBOMI? WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
EH?! THE BABY?!
I'M SORRY
AH
I'LL GO AND EXPLAIN WHAT HAPPENED TO EVERYONE OKAY?
YOU SHOULD HURRY UP AND VISIT YOUR MOM!


RECEPTION
yam
I'm still not ready...!
The baby..
I didn't think it would come so soon...!
MOM!

...
MOM..!
!
clasp
TSUBOMI
I wonder he'll make it in time...
AH HE'S NOT HERE YET
YOUNG LADY
WHERE'S DAD ?
AH OUCH
throw

PUSH YOUR MOTHER FROM BEHIND AT ABOUT HER WAIST
YOUNG LADY
EH?
THUMP
What should I do...?
Mom looks like she's really suffering...
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
At a time like this... what should I do?!
YES THAT'S RIGHT JUST LIKE THAT NOW, PUSH HARDER
...LIKE THIS?
Up until now
Nemoto-kun, Saya, and everyone else, they would help me whenever I was in trouble
Mom would always look after me when I was suffering
T THANK YOU, TSUKOMI
I FEEL A LITTLE BETTER
YES, THAT'S GOOD!
...

This time, it's my turn to support someone
You're going to be a big sister soon.
I HOPE THE BIRTH GOES WELL.
THUMP THUMP
使用中
IN USE
OKAY JUST WAIT HERE
THE BABY WILL BE BORN IN ABOUT 30 MINUTES
DELIVERY ROOM
Ah!
TSUBOMI
SAYA...!
WHAT'S WRONG?! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE...?
...
...I HAVE TO GO
EH?!

...Saya?!
THANK YOU...
Eh...?!
Wait... what...?!
I haven't done anything for her...
...LET'S MEET AGAIN.
TSUBOMI...
I LOVE YOU.
GO WHERE...?
...
...BEFORE IT ALL ENDS, I WANTED TO TELL YOU HOW I FELT
EH ? 'END...?
WHAT ? SAYA ? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
brush

TSUBOMI!
Ah!
WHERE'S THE BABY?!
HAS IT HAPPENED YET?!
DAD...
...eh?
IN USE
DELIVERY ROOM
Sa...ya...?
Eyeah!
Eyeah!
Eyeah!
Eyeah!
IT'S BORN!
Yes!
CONGRATULATIONS!
Ah...

BABY
IT'S ME YOUR BIG SISTER~! ♪
...little sister.
...nice to meet you,
SO, WHAT DID YOU END UP DECIDING TO NAME HER?
Well, we thought of a lot of names but
'SA' WITH THE THREE DROPLETS RADICAL AND THE CHARACTER FOR FEW
AND YA, WITH THE VILLAGE RADICAL AND THE CHARACTER FOR EAR
"SAYA".
Eh?!
"SAYA"?!
FRICKLE FRICKLE

SIGN: WAKAKUSA OBSTETRIC HOSPITAL

AH TSUBOMI!
..what did she mean by 'end'?
IS IT REALLY OKAY FOR YOU TO BE COMING BACK?
HEY, HEY! WHAT ABOUT THE BABY?!
I've got to ask her what she meant...!
THE BIRTH WENT WITHOUT A HITCH
IT'S A GIRL! ♡
All right!
Hehe
mooo
!!
CONGRATULATIONS!
HEY, HEY YOU HAVE TO SHOW US NEXT TIME!
EHEHE
NOW YOU'RE A BIG SISTER TOO TSUBOMI!
わい
わい

WHERE'S SAYA?
EH?
WASN'T SHE WITH YOU?
YES BUT SHE DISAPPEARED SOON AFTERWARDS DIDN'T SHE COME BACK HERE?
NO
Tendou-san is full of mysteries after all
MAYBE SHE JUST WENT HOME?
...I HOPE...
...THAT YOU'RE RIGHT...
ANYHOW, MORE IMPORTANTLY, YOU STILL HAVEN'T CONFESSED YET, HAVE YOU?!
THIS IS GOING TO BE YOUR LAST CHANCE!
UUH!

OKAY, SEE YOU LATER EVERYONE!
HAVE A HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Thanks for hearing us!
TACHI-BANA!
WE'RE GOING THE SAME WAY, AREN'T WE?
I'LL WALK YOU
EH
AH
UN
Thanks
Link

IS IT REALLY OKAY FOR YOU NOT TO BE WITH YOUR MOM TODAY?
EH?
UN
I'M GOING TO GO VISIT HER AGAIN TOMORROW MORNING
I SEE
THUMP
Saya...
'Let's meet again', she said.
THUMP
I'm sure of it.
THUMP
We will meet again, won't we?
THUMP
THUMP
"...Why don't you try telling Nemoto-kun how you feel?
THUMP
Yosse...
I'll be here, cheering you on
TACHIBANA?
...

UM
THUMP
UM
NEMOTO-KUN...!
THUMP
THUMP
T THANK YOU!
THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS HELPING ME
THUMP
EH?
THUMP
A AND
UM
THUMP
I...
THUMP
NEMOTO-KUN... I... LIKE YOU!!

第13話 THE PROMISE WITH SAYA

...WHAT'S WITH YOU, SUDDENLY COMING OUT WITH THAT AT A TIME LIKE THIS...
EH?!
...UWAH! I'M SORRY...
...AND HERE I WAS, THINKING THAT I WOULD BE THE ONE TO SAY IT...
Mumble
EH...
...EH?!
...ME TOO
THUMP

BECAUSE I
No way!
..LIKE YOU TOO!
SEE YOU AROUND
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP

Uwah! Uwah!
I'm so excited...!
What should I do?!
I'm glad mom isn't home today...
The pounding inside my chest is so strong...
I wouldn't be able to eat a thing
I want to see Saya and tell her 'Thank you'
Once the 3rd semester starts, we'll be able to see each other again like always, right?
...soon... I want to meet her soon!
...right, Saya?
SAYA
I want to let Saya know

Saya-
But...
Although the third semester had begun...
Saya was nowhere to be found...
And strangely...
HUH? ENDOU?
Who's that?
Who's that? Who's someone he's by that name?
EH? HOW ODD...
SENSEI~ WE'VE GOT AN EXTRA DESK LEFT OVER...
AND THESE TOO
No way
THESE SHE'S NOT IN THEM
There was not a trace of 'Saya' left in this world.
She had even vanished from everyone's memories...
Apart from us, there was no one else who remembered her.

But somehow
I think I'm beginning to understand
what Saya really was
I'M OFF!
I'M GOING NOW, SAYA
HAVE A NICE DAY
SPLASH
THAT GIRL
TSUKIOMI?
THE 24TH OF DECEMBER
WHEN IS YOUR BIRTHDAY SAYA?
THANK YOU
TSUKIO MI
And where she is now...

...LEAVING ME ALL BY MYSELF!
AWW~
SO IN THE END TSUBOMI GETS TOGETHER WITH NEMOTO-KUN
...I'M SORRY I DIDN'T MEAN TO HIDE IT FROM YOU TWO
I JUST NEVER REALLY HAD A CHANCE TO TELL YOU...
SHH! Really?!
GLARE
AND YAE-CHIN'S BEEN GOING OUT WITH SAEGUSA-KUN ALL THIS TIME BEHIND OUR BACKS~
Fuun
...I'M SURE THIS ISN'T GOODBYE
THERE'S NO WAY SHE'D REALLY LEAVE US
...
YEAH
A~AH IT'S A SHAME WE DIDN'T GET TO SAY GOODBYE
ENDOU-SAN SURE WAS A MYSTERIOUS GIRL

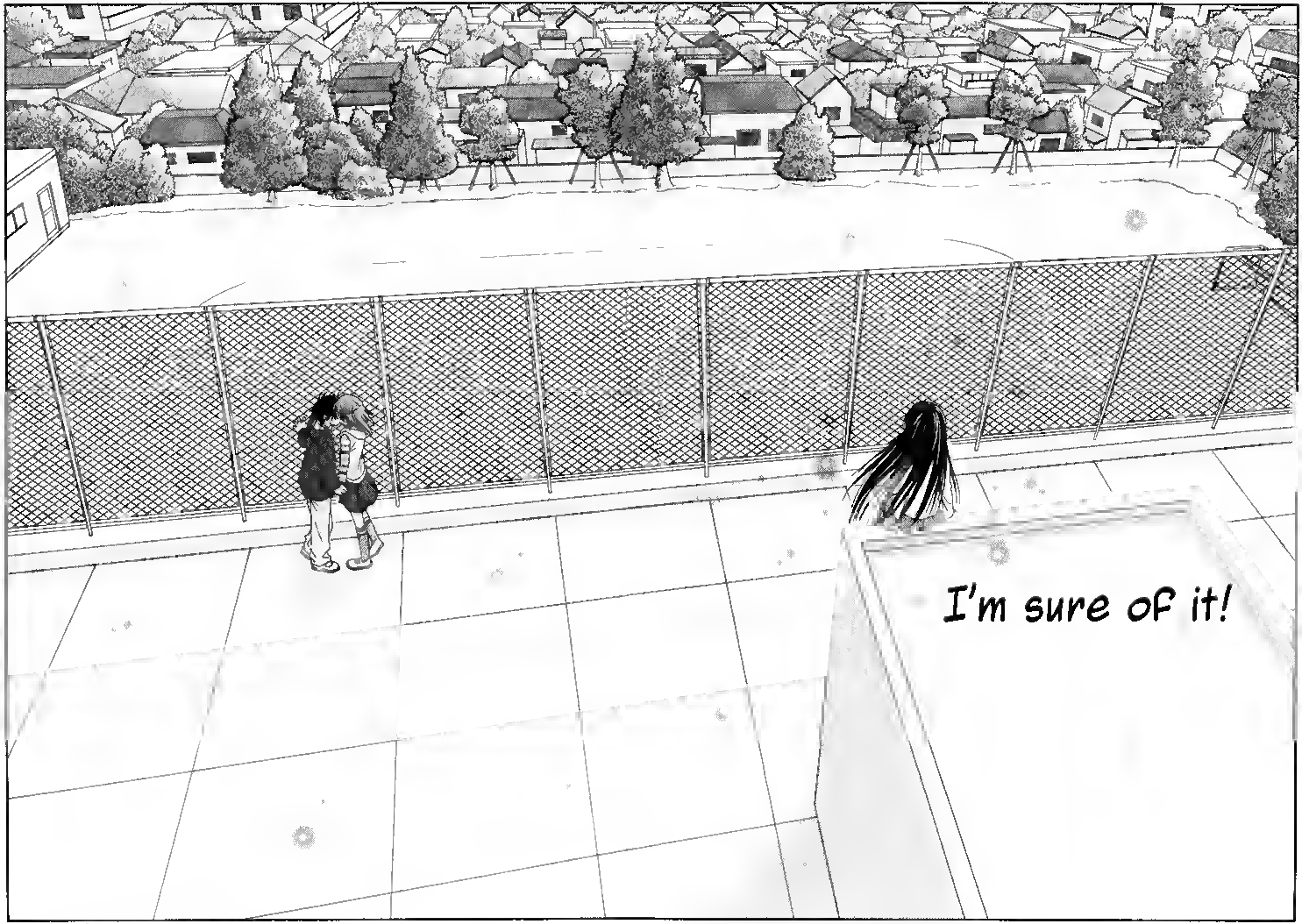
THAT'S WHY SHE NEVER SAID ANYTHING LIKE THAT..
THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN THINKING LATELY
SMILE
UWAH! WE'LL BE MIDDLE-SCHOOL STUDENTS BY THEN!
Adults~!
AHAHAHA
AH~ I HOPE SAYA-TAN STARTS TALKING SOON~~!
UN! I'M SURE THAT'S HOW IT IS!
I SEE MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE~!
SHE WON'T BE ABLE TO TALK PROPERLY UNTIL SHE'S TWO
Oh, you're always in such a rush, Rei~?!

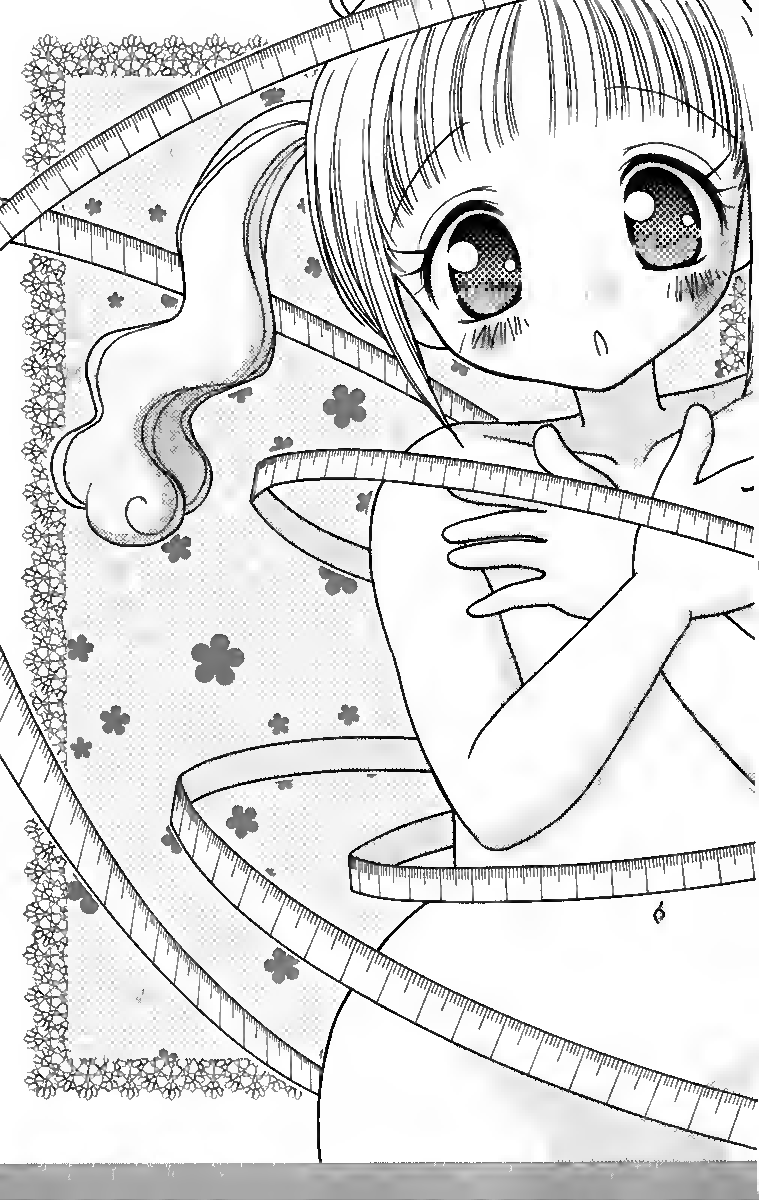
BUT YOU KNOW...
I'D LIKE TO SEE THAT SAYA AGAIN
SAYA...
I WANT TO TALK TO HER AGAIN
EH?
YOU WILL.

YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SEE HER AGAIN
'LET'S MEET AGAIN'
THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID, RIGHT?
RIGHT?
YEAH.
THUMP

Ah!
...HUH?
...

FOR A MOMENT IT FELT LIKE SAYA WAS RIGHT THERE
I FELT IT TOO
fufu
That's right
OH
GOING TO SLEEP ALREADY?
FUFU I WONDER WHAT YOU'RE DREAMING ABOUT
SAYA
I'm sure we'll be able to meet again.


I'm sure of it!



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